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Christmas In Old England

Notwithstanding Fog the Great Festival Is Being Well Celebrated.

In all the Great Homes the Famous Old Yule Log Is Burning.

King Edward and Royal Family Are All Gathered at Sandringham.

LONDON, Dec. 24.—The Christmas spirit was abroad throughout England today, notwithstanding the continued heavy fogs, which normally act as an extreme depressant. Not for years has London had such a thorough dose of that pea soup atmosphere for which the metropolis is famous, but the population, which grumbled during the week because of the inconveniences attendant upon the fog, changed their moods today, and, accepting the inevitable, prepared to spend a merry Christmas, even welcoming the fog as a Christmas gift and a friend of olden days.

In all the great homes in England the yule log is burning. From Sandringham to the humblest residence, relatives who are scattered throughout the rest of the year are gathering to spend the English Christmas. It is estimated that a million and a half persons poured out of London today. To those who witnessed the tremendous rushes at every station the wonder was that any persons could be left to people London. But the exodus leaves no appreciable mark in the streets, which are thronged with millions of Christmas shoppers and sightseers, though the fog limits the scope of view to about forty feet.

Most of the cabinet officers and diplomats have left London. King Edward and Queen Alexandra, with the immediate royal family, are gathered at Sandringham palace, where Christmas will be celebrated in the usual manner. Their Majesties will closely observe all of the Christmas customs. There will be a Christmas tree for the royal children, around which three generations will meet, as privately as royalty ever meets, to enjoy a typical home Christmas. At the same time none of the dependants will be forgotten. The King and Queen will distribute their largess among the tenantry of Sandringham and throughout the United Kingdom, where there are most deserving charities. Missions, the unemployed and poor children will be remembered substantially. The Queen has given another $250 to the Salvation Army.

Lord Lansdowne's Christmas will be spent at Derreen, Kerry, his Irish seat, where he will entertain a large house party and that of Premier and Mrs. Balfour at Whittingham, Prestonkirk.

There will be the usual Chamberlain reunion at Highbury, Birmingham.

Some of the members of the cabinet, diplomatists and other personages have sought a sunnier Christmas on the continent.

Ambassador and Mrs. Choate are visiting Baron Mount Stephen at Brockett Hall, Hatfield, Hertfordshire, and Secretary of Embassy Henry White has a number of guests at his country place.

Consul General Evans, with his family has gone to Paris. Mr. Evans will return to London Monday, but his family will proceed to Egypt. Miss Evans is going to Washington by way of Australia and San Francisco. The Duchess of Marlborough will spend her Christmas in Paris, while the Duke will remain at Blenheim palace. Baron Hayashi, the Japanese minister, will remain in London. A number of Americans are guests of prominent persons in differ-

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HAYTI BOODLERS SENT TO PRISON

Court Has Pronounced Judgment on Numerous High Officials

Port Au Prince, Hayti, Dec. 25.—In accordance with the verdict of the jury in the trial of the alleged fraudulent bond case, the court has pronounced judgment as follows: It acquits Hebard Roy, former minister of finance, and two high officials; condemns Vilbrun Guillaume, former minister of war, to penal servitude for life; the high officials of the National Bank of Hayti are sentenced to four years indictment, and two sons of the former president, Sam M. Medon, a former minister, and Saint Victor, former minister of foreign affairs, to three years imprisonment. Judgment against those persons who are in contumacy will be pronounced later.

The action against the above mentioned persons grew out of an act of the Haytien congress of 1902 authorizing the consolidation of the national debt in a loan issue of about $6,000,000 and an additional $213,282 to be paid the bank for financing the deal. Before the transaction was completed, the government of President Nord came into power. The bank officials were imprisoned a year ago on a charge of conspiring with the secretary of the treasury in fraudulently issuing from $200,000 to $850,000 in bonds and of alleged bribery.

The trial began November 28, and of the 33 persons accused, among whom were ex-President Sam, 13 were present, the others having fled.

Saint Alice
Natural
Mineral
Water

POLISH IMMIGRANTS.

New York, Dec. 25.—The Hamburg-American line steamer America, which arrived today from Hamburg, brought 2,430 steerage passengers, the larger number of whom come from Russian Poland to escape conscription.

STOKERS WERE SEA SICK.

New York, Dec. 25.—Rear Admiral William Osborne Moore, R. N., was a passenger on the American liner St. Louis, which arrived today from Southampton. The stormy weather delayed the arrival of the St. Louis, but the chief reason for her being 24 hours' late, it was said, was the fact that her stokers suffered from sea sickness. This was the first trip of the St. Louis after undergoing a complete overhauling at Belfast.

AFFAIRS IN RUSSIA.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 25.—The special commission appointed in 1902 to investigate the question of the betterment of the conditions of rural enterprises and the general revision of present laws, of which President of the Ministerial Council Witte is chairman, has decided in favor of the extension of the system of state loans by the agricultural bank to land owners, especially peasants and commoners, for the purchase and improvement of additional lands. The Emperor hah formally approved the recommendation.

The newspapers are warmly approving the work of the commission. The Russ declares the basis of all reforms must be social and political emancipation of peasants, as proposed by M. Witte.

News of the Army and Navy

Cruiser Flora Arrives Home and Will Pay off at Devonport.

Shearwater Will Be Re-Comissioned for Two Years Under New Rules.

London, Dec. 10.—The cruiser Flora has arrived home from the Pacific station, and will pay off at Devonport this week.

The commission of the sloop Shearwater, lately recommissioned at Esquimalt, will be for two years under the new rules.

It is stated, and apparently on good authority, that the North American fleet is to be reduced to a commodore's command, same as the Pacific squadron, in consequence of the apathy of the colonial authorities towards the up keep of the navy. The British taxpayer has to find the enormous sum of £42,000,000 annually for the defence of his own shores and those of the self-governing colonies. The burden is a very heavy one. Canada is the chief offender in neglecting to contribute towards imperial defence. The reduction of the North America station will entail a severe loss on Halifax. Bermuda and the West Indies for the presence of a strong squadron means a substantial turnover of ready money. A few ships will be maintained on the station for the protection of the Newfoundland and other fisheries.

In the future at each of the three great royal dockyards a battleship or armored cruiser is to be kept ready for sea on four hours' notice, and a destroyer on one hour's notice. This duty will be taken week about.

The net result of all changes which are being effected in the navy at home and abroad will be that in the course of a few weeks time Great Britain will have concentrated in home waters and in the Atlantic a huge naval "striking force" of an irresistible power capable of smashing any combination against it. In short, it is a complete triumph for the "blue water school," whose first tenet is not defence but the meeting of an enemy on their own shores and naval supremacy in the Atlantic, the great highway of European nations.

The Times says that there is reason to believe that Field Marshal Earl Roberts has been offered and that he has refused the post of Governor of Chelsea Hospital. It is said that Field Marshal Sir George White, Governor and Commander-in-Chief at Gibraltar, has accepted the governorship of Chelsea Hospital, vacant by the death of Field Marshal Sir Henry Norman. Sir George White in all likelihood will be succeeded at Gibraltar by General Sir W. G. Nicholson, late Inspector-General of Fortifications.

The new first-class battleship King Edward VII, which has just been completed for sea, has been selected as flagship of Rear Admiral W. H. May, M. V. O., who takes up the command of the Atlantic fleet which is now being evolved from the Channel fleet. The King Edward VII at her recent speed trials covered the measured mile at the rate of 18.7 knots, or 2 over her stipulated speed. She is a magnificent ship, representing an outlay of over a million sterling.

REFORMS IN RUSSIA.

London, Dec. 26.—A dispatch to a news agency from St. Petersburg says it can be stated on reliable authority that the manifesto on the subject of reforms approved by Emperor Nicholas will contain three points ,as follows:

First—Each Zemstvo shall send to the Council of State three representatives to advise on the question of internal affairs.

Second—That the press censorship shall be abolished and the press made free.

Third—That elementary education shall be made compulsory throughout the empire.

The Daily Mail's St. Petersburg correspondent says that the manifesto will probably be issued December 26.

SITUATION AT MUKDEN.

Kuropatkin Admonishes Troops Never to Retreat.

Mukden, Dec. 25.—General Kuropatkin, addressing the troops today, said: "You must never allow yourselves to retreat. Even in the case of the smallest detachment, having once formed a plan, it must be carried out to the end."

A Japanese battery opened fire December 24 on Chanlinhu, and two men were wounded by shells. A Japanese column advanced but was soon repulsed by the Russian fire.

The general situation is quiet, though Chinese report that the Japanese are strengthening their left flank, as though in contemplation of a turning movement. On the other hand, the Japanese in many places apparently are building winter quarters.

Fielding In Italy

Canadian Finance Minister Arrived Last Evening at Naples.

Interviewed by Associated Press Concerning the Election Petitions.

Returns by Way of London After Making a Visit to Austria.

NAPLES, Dec. 25.—Hon. W. S. Fielding, finance minister in the Canadian cabinet, arrived here tonight on the steamship Cretic.

Interviewed by the Associated Press concerning the petitions filed in the Supreme court against himself by Sir Frederick W. Borden minister of militia and defence, and eight other leading Liberal members of parliament from Nova Scotia, asking that their seats in parliament be declared vacant on the ground of alleged bribery, committed by them or on their behalf in the general election of November 3, Mr. Fielding said the reports of corruption are without foundation, and everything was regular in connection with the elections. There were always some persons among the opposition, he said, who spread reports of corruption and other similar reports, but not withstanding all these efforts by the opposition, the government has been returned by a largely increased majority and the opposition was hopelessly beaten. Mr. Fielding outlined the main issues on which the election was run.

He will remain for some days in Italy and will then go to Vienna, whence he sails. He will return to Canada by way of London. Mr. Fielding is stopping at the Hotel Vesuvius.

A FATAL HOLD-UP.

Lansford, Pa., Dec. 25.—Shortly after midnight last night Stephen Pushart, John Brinkush and Martin Poblish were held up on the outskirts of this town by four men armed with blackjacks. Pushart was killed and Brinkish is, it is believed, fatally injured. Poblish escaped and notified the police. There is no clue to the identity of the murderers.

Mining Progress In The Boundary

The Elkhorn Shipped Another Carload of Very High Grade Ore.

Trains Delayed Owing to the Snow—Slocan Star's Big Dividends.

Grand Forks, Dec. 21.—Last week the Elkhorn shipped another carload of high grade ore to the Trail smelter. The mine is said to be looking better than ever before. The incline shaft sunk on the lead is down 178 feet and drifts have been run northeast and southwest from the bottom and from the 80-foot level. In all over 1,000 feet of drifting has been done, opening up ore sererves that will afford stoping ground for the next eight months. Meantime the extension of the drifts on both levels is being prosecuted with energy. The returns from a recent shipment of ore from this property shows a marked improvement in values at the lowest level, and it is expected that all the high grade mines in the camp will display the same values at the depth.

The Barbara mine produced some rich ore-carrying native silver last week.

The Providence shipped a carload of ore to Trail this week.

Will Hannah has just completed the stripping of a 30-foot lead on his copper mine fraction 800 feet from the Big Copper in Copper camp.

The Slocan Star, with a capital of half a million dollars, has paid $550,000 in dividends.

Two carloads of ore were shipped to Nelson last week from the Skylark. One was high grade, the other being second quality.

The case of Scarpelli vs. Fera, which has been just recently tried in the county court here, terminated in rather a startling manner last Saturday, when His Honor Judge Leamy, after giving judgment for the plaintiff, ordered the defendant, Frank Fera, to be placed in custody on the charge of perjury, he having made various conflicting statements when on oath. The accused was granted his liberty, his own recognizance being accepted for his appearance. Yesterday Fera was brought before Magistrate Cochrane for his preliminary hearing, when the case was adjourned for eight days.

At the last session of the city council, held on Monday evening, a resolution was passed instructing the city tax collector to enforce the by-law regarding road tax. This means that all who have not paid the $2 tax will be compelled to do so.

The Great Northern passenger train from the south has been delayed every day for the past two weeks owing to the snow on the track and the various landslides.

A recent assay of ore taken from the Silver Cloud property showed returns of $100 in silver and $20 in gold.

F. M. Holland and Mrs. Holland have returned to Toronto. Mr. Holland will return to Grand Forks in February.

A. R. Shewan, a veteran commercial man with headquarters at Montreal, has just made his last trip through the boundary country. It is Mr. Shewan's intention to retire to private life after an experience of nearly forty years on the road.

Chief Engineer Hoggland of the Great Northern, with headquarters at St. Paul, has just made a tour of inspection of the Phoenix branch, the rails now being within three miles of the mines.

FROM THE FRONT.

General Kuroki's Headquarters in the Field, Dec. 25 (via Fusan).—The usual Russian artillery fire against the Japanese left and centre has been heard the past three days, and from midnight last night until dawn this morning. According to reports received the Japanese suffered no damage from the fire. There is no activity in front of the Japanese right army. The weather is very cold.

RIOT IN POLAND.

Razom (Russian Poland), Dec. 25.—After the midnight mass at the Roman Catholic cathedral a crowd of workmen paraded the streets carrying red flags. The military authorities in trying to disperse it were received with shots and serious encounters followed, in which the commander of the Twenty-sixth regiment was killed and a gendarme was wounded. One of the demonstrators was killed.

HOCKEY TOURNAMENT.

New York, Dec. 25.—Twenty-seven games of hockey have been scheduled by the several executive committees of the amateur inter-collegiate and interscholastic hockey leagues, to be decided in this city this season. Leading uiversities and athletic and hockey clubs of the United States will be represented by teams.

STOPPED COCKING MAIN.

Plaistow, N. H., Dec. 25.—One of the most successful raids ever made in Southern New Hampshire was occomplished in the Westville section of the town today, when officers interrupted a cocking main and arrested 22 of a party of 23 men. One man escaped and a warrant has been issued for his arrest. Five birds, one of them dead, were taken.

Six officers with revolvers drawn surrounded the party and marched their prisoners to the town hall, where they were arraigned and later locked up pending a hearng.

Hay's Note To The Powers

Preparatory to Formation of Programme for Hague Congress.

Second Circular of President Roosevelt Is Now Made Public.

Washington, Dec. 25.—That the further interchange of views preparatory to the formulation of a programme for another peace conference at The Hague be effected through the international bureau under the control of the permanent administrative council of The Hague is the suggestion offered by Secretary Hay in a second circular note to the powers made public at the state department today.

The note was despatched a week ago, but its publication was withheld until it had reached the various American embassies and legations abroad. The secretary summarizes the replies of all the powers to his note of October 21, and expresses the gratification of the President at the cordial reception of his invitation. The text of the note follows:

Department of State,
Washington, D. C., Dec. 16. 1904.

To the Representatives of the United States Accredited to the Governments Signatory to the Acts of The Hague Conference of 1899—Sir: By the circular instruction dated October 21, accredited to the several governments which took part in the peace conference held at The Hague in 1899, and which joined in signing the act thereof, were instructed to bring to the notice of these governments certain resolutions adopted by the interparliamentary union at its annual conference held at St. Louis in September last, advocating the assembling of a second peace conference to continue the work of the first, and were directed to ascertain to what extent those governments were disposed to act in the matter.

The replies so far received indicate that the proposition has been received with general favor. No dissent has found expression. The governments of Austria-Hungary, Denmark, France, Germany, Great Britain, Italy, Luxemburg, Mexico, the Netherlands, Portugal, Roumania, Spain, Sweden and Norway and Switzerland exhibit sympathy with the purposes of the proposal and generally accept it in principle, with a reservation in most cases of future consideration of the date of the conference and the programme of subjects for discussion. The replies of Japan and Russia conveyed in like terms a friendly recognition of the spirit and purposes of the invitation, but on the part of Russia the reply was accompanied by the statement that in the existing condition of things in the Far East it would not be practicable for the imperial government at this moment to take part in such a conference.

While this reply, tending as it does to cause some postponement of the proposed second conference, is deeply regretted the weight of the motive which induces it is recognized by this government, and probably others. Japan made the reservation only that no action should be taken by the conference relative to the present war. Although the prospect of an early convocation of an august assembly of representatives of the nations in the interest of peace and harmony among them is deferred for the time being, it may be regarded as assured so soon as the interested powers are in a position to agree upon a date and place of meeting and to join in the formulation of a general plan for discussion. The President is much gratified at the cordial reception of his overtures. He feels that in eliciting the common sentiment of the various governments in favor of the principle involved and of the objects sought to be attained, a notable step has been taken toward eventual success.

Pending a definite agreement for meeting when circumstances shall permit it seems desirable that a comparison of views should be had among the participants as to the scope and matter of the subjects to be brought before the second conference. The invitation put forth by the government of the United States did not attempt to do more than to indicate the general topics which the final act of the first conference of the Hague relegated as unfinished matters to consideration by a future conference—adverting, in connection with the important subject of the inviolability of private property in naval warfare, to the like views expressed by the congress of the United States in its resolution April 28, 1904, with the added suggestion that it may be desirable to consider and adopt a procedure by which the states non-signatory to the original acts of The Hague conference may become adhering parties. In the present state of the project this government is still indisposed to formulate a programme. In view of the virtual certainty that the President's suggestion of The Hague as the place of meeting of a second peace conference will be accepted by all the interested powers, and in view also of the fact that an organized representation of the signatories of the acts of 1899 now exists at that capital, this government feels that it should not as-

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Successful Air Flight

Baldwin's "California Arrow' Given Its First Trial at Los Angeles.

Test Was Successful Except for a Mishap at the Start.

Ship Sailed a Distance of Twenty Miles and Manoeuvred.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Dec. 25.—Captain Baldwin's airship California Arrow, driven by Roy Knabenshu of Toledo, who made several successful flights in the same machine from the World's Fair grounds at St. Louis, was given its first trial in California today and was successful with the single exception of its failure to land at the starting point. A landing was effected half a mile away without damage to the machine, and it was safely towed back to its anchorage.

The Arrow started from the local baseball grounds at 3:17 p. m., sailed with the wind northeastward for a distance of between eight and ten miles, thence eastward for two miles, and returned in the face of a 12-mile wind to a point directly above the starting place. Owing to the supply of gasoline running short, Klabenshue was unable to effect a landing at exactly the desired spot. The time of the flight was 1 hour and 13 minutes, and in that time the airship sailed a distance of probably 20 miles.

When flying with the wind the Arrow travelled at a speed of 20 miles an hour, and returning directly in the face of the strong southeastern gale was able to make a rate of speed reckoned at between six and eight miles an hour. The airship was easily maneuvered in every direction.

A COLD WAVE.

Fort Edward, N. Y., Dec. 25.—Following several days of warm weather, which melted the snow and gave a green Christmas, a cold wave accompanied by high winds, struck here today and carried the temperature down to 18 below zero.

A TRAGIC DAY.

Philadelphia, Pa., Dec. 25.—Four men were suffocated and eight other persons were rescued from fire in three different parts of the city early today. At a boarding house at 1545 Wood street Charles McKuster, Chas. Merry and Joseph McGill died in a trap made by themselves. The three men took a quantity of whiskey to their room and placed a bed against the door to prevent interference. After they had retired a lighted candle fell from the mantel and ignited the clothes of one of the men. McGill was awakened by the smoke, but fell to the floor unconscious. When the room was broken into McKuster and Merry were found dead. McGill died some time after being removed to a hospital.

At 1136 Fairmont avenue Edward Rathtine, believed to be a resident of New Jersey, was suffocated. It is thought the bed clothing took fire from a lighted cigar, and, in trying to leave the room, the man crawled into a closet by mistake and was found dead there.

In a fire in a house at 4226 Germantown avenue, Mrs. David Deen and other members of her family were either rescued by firemen or saved themselves by jumping from windows. A driving snowstorm was raging at the time and they suffered much from exposure.

A TRAIN WRECK IN KENTUCKY

Fatal Collision Brings Gloom on Christmas Day to Several Homes.

Louisville, Ky., Dec. 25.—The passenger train which left St. Louis at 9 o'clock last night on the Southern railway, collided, head-on, with the passenger train leaving Louisville about the same hour near Mauds Station today. One passenger and six employees were killed, and two passengers and eight employees were slightly injured. The dead all resided in Indianapolis.

None of the passengers in the four sleepers were injured. Both engines were badly damaged and four coaches destroyed.

Among the dead were Fireman Hutt and Engineer Bowen. Nothing was found of Hutt's body but some charred bones, which were identified by a watch and ring near them. The trunk of the body of Bowen was discovered pinioned beneath the burning tender. The remainder of the body had been burned off. Identification was effected by means of a watch and an Elk's badge.

The cars of the eastbound train were telescoped and caught fire. The cars of the westbound train were only partially telescoped and the passengers escaped without serious injury. A wrecking crew and a party left Princeton, Ind., at once and began clearing the track and removing the dead and injured. The hardest task was to extinguish the flames which had broken out among the shattered engines and coaches. Water was carried in hats and raincoats and thrown on the flames by the passengers before relief arrived. Several cars were burned before the fire was extinguished. Each train carried day coaches, a chair car and two sleepers. The chair cars and sleepers were not injured.

The collision, according to the Southern railway officials, was caused by the failure of the operator at Browns, Ill., to deliver to the eastbound train an order naming a meeting point for the trains.

RACE AGAINST TIME.

Chicago, Dec. 25.—F. J. Mackay, of New York, is speeding across the continent in a special train on his way to England, where Mrs. Mackay was severely injured Thursday in a hunting accident. The journey from San Barnardino, Cal., to Chicago, it is expected, will be made in less than three days. Mr. Mackay will reach here Monday afternoon over the Rock Island road, and will have, according to his schedule, just one minute to catch the Lake Shore train for New York. He will sail on Wednesday.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Xmas Car Service

Sunday 25th. December 1904

FORT STREET, OAK BAY AND WILLOWS—Twenty-minute service. Cars leave terminus on the even hour and every 20 minutes thereafter.
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ESQUIMALT—Thirty-minute service. Cars leave City on the hour, and Esquimalt on the half hour.

MONDAY

26th December, 1904

REGULAR SERVICE FROM 9 A. M. UNTIL MIDNIGHT.

Adventure Of A Blockade Runner

How the British Steamer Tiberius Ran Coal to Russians at Vladivostock.

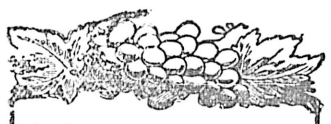
Was Almost Sunk by a Japanese Mine—Barely Managed to Reach Port.

With the British collier Wyefield loading at San Francisco, it is said, with the intention of running the blockade of the Japanese, the story told by Mr. Raines of how the steamer Tiberius ran the blockade may be of interest:

The vessel left the Tyne exactly a year ago for New York. Thence she proceeded again over the Atlantic and through the Mediterranean and Suez canal to the Far East with a general cargo. She discharged the last of it at Yokohama, after which she came to Newcastle, Australia. She there loaded 6,500 tons of coal from Lambton colliery and cleared at the Newcastle custom house for Tsingtau, a German naval depot at Kiaochou, in China, via Sydney. The steamer left Newcastle on May 13, and after bunkering at Sydney, put to sea again. Mr. Raine, who was the only Englishman on board, the crew, who were all Germans, believed they were bound for Tsingtau; but on May 29 land was sighted, to the great surprise of the ship's company. The land was Guam, one of the Ladrones, and here fresh orders were received to take the ship to Olga Bay, a Siberian port north of Vladivostock. Olga Bay was reached in due course, but instead of discharging, the crew were again surprised to find that the ship was still further ordered to Vladivostock, which was reached on June 10. The Tiberius stopped a mile and a half out, and received a signal telling her not to enter as it was dangerous. The captain thought it prudent to get even a little further away, and gave orders for the ship's head to be turned. A turn had just been taken out of the engines and the vessel was just starting, when a terrific explosion occurred. The water rose in a volume to a height of about 60 feet and then descended on the ship, while a portion of the mines, rivets from the hull and coal from the hold were thrown on deck from the outside. Boats were ordered out and signals hoisted for assistance. A pinnace from the fleet then came out, and the Tiberius, which was settling down by the head, was ordered, if she could possibly keep afloat, to follow in the wake of the Russian craft into the harbor. She had then three feet of water in the engine room, and the main deck was only six inches above water. On passing the Vladivostock squadron the cruisers Rossia, Gromoboi and the Rurik had their boats out, and the Russian sailors cheered. The Tiberius was run full speed on the beach, and no lives were lost. She had been struck by the mine on the starboard quarter, and subsequent inspection showed that the hole torn in the hull was 30 feet long by 18 feet high, and six feet below the water line. The portion of the mine which came on deck had part of the brass cap attached, and the Russian officers pronounced it to be Japanese. The coal, of course, was for the Russian fleet, and the Russian government purchased both ship and cargo, the crew proceeding from Vladivostock on July 20 to Hamburg by train, via the trans-Siberian railway, Moscow, and St. Petersburg, a journey which took 25 days, the distance covered being about 8,500 miles. At Vladivostock there were three other German steamers which had taken coal from England to the Russian warships.

ACTIVITY IN BALTIC.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 25.—Admiral Birileff is quoted in an interview as saying that all shipyards in the Baltic are working night and day, and that the third squadron will go out in two sections. The admiral pledges himself to have the first, which will include the Sevavin, Apaxm, Shatoff, Nicholas II. and Korniloff, ready by February, and the second, consisting of the Slava, Alexander II. and Pamait Azova, a little later.



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GEN. KUROPATKIN'S REPORT.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 25.—General Kuropatkin reports skirmishing December 24 near Tapinlin. The Russian advance posts were driven in by the Japanese, but afterwards advanced again and occupied their former positions. The Russian losses were trifling, while those of the Japanese were heavy.

REPORT FROM HARBIN.

Harbin, Dec. 25.—Chinese from the south say that the Japanese have brought 50,000 Chinese into southern Manchuria, but have great difficulty in feeding them. They also say that the Japanese have prepared a thousand four-wheeled carts with iron shields in front and on the sides, which are to be pushed by soldiers, in which are to be carried rapid fire and machine guns.

Some frozen Japanese have been found in abandoned trenches. There is the greatest activity in Harbin, where the Russians are building enlarged baths, churches and a hospital.

A scheme has been discovered by which a Siberian merchant has been sending vodka to the front marked with a red cross and labelled as medical supplies. The perpetrator has been forced to leave the country.

To Succeed Congdon

Ottawa, Dec. 25.—It is reported that Mr. James A. Smart, who has resigned as deputy minister of the interior, will be appointed governor of the Yukon, to succeed Mr. Congdon.

TOKIO A GREAT MILITARY CAMP

Great Preparations Being Made for Continuation of the War.

Tokio, Dec. 25.—(5 p. m.)—Tokio is again a great military camp and the scenes of last spring, when the first armies were mobilized and despatched, are being duplicated. Thousands of recruits and reservists are assembled, drilling and equipping preparatory to taking the field. The permanent and temporary barracks are filled and it is necessary to billet soldiers brought to the city.

Aoyama field is the centre of activity, where infantry, cavalry and artillery are constantly drilling, the batteries fire blank charges for the purpose of breaking in the new horses. The general military preparations are enormous. It is planned to give Field Marshal Oyama a rough total of half a million men, with a heavily increased artillery arm, besides providing a defence for Formosa and southern islands in anticipation of the Russian second Pacific squadron's attempt to seize a base.

The port of Kelung, in Formosa, has been declared in a state of siege.

Winter is not interfering with the Japanese transport service.

The railway between Dalny and Yentai is working well, and the running time between Tokio and Liaoyang is six days.

Hay's Note To The Powers

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seize the initiative in drawing up a programme nor preside over the deliberations of the signatories in that regard. It seems to the President that the high task he undertook in seeking to bring about an agreement of the powers to meet in a second peace conference is virtually accomplished so far as it is appropriate for him to act, and that with the general acceptance of his invitation in principle, the future conduct of the affair may fitly follow its normal channels. To this end it is suggested that the further and necessary interchange of views between the signatory powers of the acts of 1899 be effected through the international bureau under the control of the permanent administrative council of The Hague. It is believed in this way, but utilizing the central representative agency established and maintained by the powers themselves, an orderly treatment of the preliminary consultations may be ensured, and the way left clear for the eventual action of the government of the Netherlands in calling a renewed conference to assemble at The Hague should that course be adopted.

You will bring this communication to the knowledge of the minister for foreign affairs and invite consideration of the suggestions herein made. I am, sir, your obedient servant,

JOHN HAY.

PHYSICIAN'S TROUBLES.

Kamloops Sentinel.

Dr. Vereetbrugghen this morning received a letter from Dr. Fagan, registrar of the B. C. Medical Council, informing him that as a result of the charge preferred against him of unprofessional conduct in making certain alleged statements respecting Dr. Procter, the council had decided to remove his name from the medical register on December 31, unless he made public apology in the interim. Dr. Vereetbrugghen's legal advisers are looking after his interests and will no doubt take the matter before the supreme court.

A Win For British Tars

They Defeat Frenchmen In Rifle Matches at New Caledonia.

An Interesting Feature of British Warship's Cruise in the South Seas.

According to advices received by the steamer Aorangi from the Antipodes, an interesting rifle shooting contest in the South Seas was recently won by British sailors from those of France. While the British warship Mutine was cruising in the South Seas, not the least important incident of the cruise was a demonstration of the superiority of the British over the French as rifle shots, for Leading Seaman Rose came back to Sydney with the title of champion of Noumea, his prizes consisting of a championship medal inscribed, a diploma and 100 francs. Shortly before the Mutine left Noumea for Sydney, a big rifle shooting meeting was organized, the programme consisting of four events, and the entries numbering about 100 to 150. The men of the Mutine, as well as those of the French warship Meurthe, were invited to participate, and the invitation was accepted. As a result the Mutine, in addition to winning the championship event, also secured a first prize and a second prize in other events. The fourth event was postponed and in the meantime the Mutine had left port. The performance is all the more creditable when it is remembered that the British jack tars were enormously handicapped as compared with their French competitors, for the conditions provided that the French Lebel rifle should be used, and the ranges were calculated in metres instead of in yards. The sighting of the rifles was hardly understood by the English; yet, notwithstanding these drawbacks, the British were victorious.

MRS ROBERT L. TAYLOR
NEE ST. JOHN
PHOTO BY PUDGES

Chicago, Dec. 24.—"The Rose Bindery, Mrs. Hobart C. Chatfield-Taylor, proprietor," will do its best to rouse general interest in the beautiful and substantial binding of books. The society leader, who has gone into the business for the purpose of filling up her spare time with useful labor, has no doubt of success.

Mrs. Chatfield-Taylor is an advocate of the view that every man and woman in the world should learn to do useful things with the hands. When asked whether there were not other reasons for her entering business besides the desire to succeed financially, she replied frankly that there were.

Mrs. Chatfield-Taylor became interested in bookbinding several years ago, and spent some months in the studio of a friend.

"I was so fascinated with it," she says, "that I determined the next time I went to Paris to learn everything I could about the craft. Having done that, I am back home at work.

"Bookbinding is an art. Not a great art like painting or writing, which call for original thought at all times. It is more a matter of fine workmanship, artistically carried out.

"My bindings are to be entirely in levant and morocco. These leathers are durable, while vellum is not. I laid in a large stock of skins in Paris, and, as you see, they are very beautiful."

"Will you exercise any choice in the subject matter of the books you bind?"

"None whatever. I will bind any book that comes along. It is a matter of business with me, that's all, and if people have books that they want put into enduring covers and are willing to pay for the work I am here to do it.

"A woman came in yesterday in great trepidation and wanted to know if I would mind binding one of Mark Twain's works. I would just as soon bind a copy of Mark Twain as a copy of anything else. It is true there are some binders who draw the line at beautifying certain books that they do not think worthy of their skill. I am going to leave the literary taste to my customers, however."

Christmas Day In Old England

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cent parts of England, while others are spending Christmas on the continent.

Provision for the poorer classes has been arranged on a scale even larger than usual, and although there has been a most incredible number of destitute and unemployed persons in London, there is every reason to suppose that no one will be without some sort of Christmas dinner.

"Boxing Day," of course, will be observed as another holiday among the younger theatre-goers. The pantomime openings will be a strong feature, the historic Drury Lane, with the "White Cat," being the centre of attraction.

Christmas day passed quietly throughout the United Kingdom. The most notable feature o fthe day was the large amount of charity distributed as the result of the generous sums of money collected for this purpose through the newspapers and other channels.

Weather conditions were improved, though the fog still hangs over London, interfering to some extent with shipping in the rivers and channels. A few minor railway accidents were reported late Saturday night, one to an excursion train. Today was distinctly a church holiday, and the real secular observance of Christmas will be tomorrow morning.

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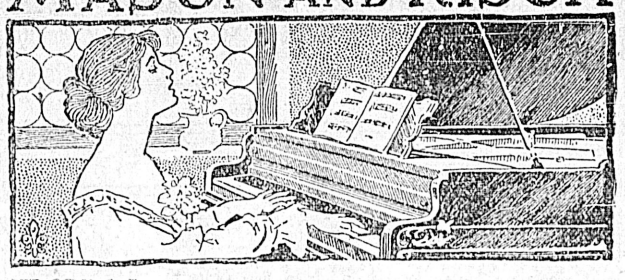

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TAKE NOTICE that by direction of the Honorable Mr. Justice Martin this day given this advertisement is inserted to inform you respectively that Lots 1355 and 1356, Victoria City, the East part (measuring 20 feet by 132 feet), of Lot 90, in Block K, Section 34, Victoria City, will be sold for Arrears of Taxes on the 28th day of December, 1904, at the City Hall, Victoria, B. C., at the hour of 12 noon, unless such arrears of taxes be sooner paid to the City Treasurer.

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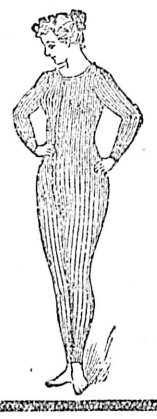

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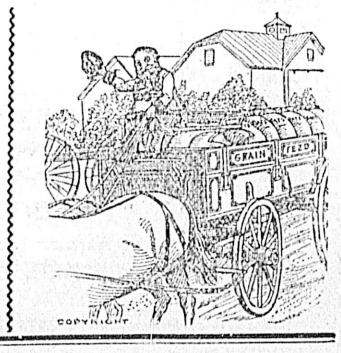

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MURDERED WOMAN MAY BE CHORUS GIRL

Colorado Springs Police Believe Victim Was One of Chinese Honeymoon Co.

There is a possibility that the body of the young woman who was found murdered on Mount Cutler near Colorado Springs, Colo., some ten days ago, as told in Associated Press despatches to the Colonist, is that of Miss Vera Haines, a former member of the "Chinese Honeymoon" company, which comes to Victoria tomorrow night.

While the company was in Denver Manager Rosenthal received a curt note from Miss Haines saying that, owing to the illness of her mother, she was compelled to sever her connection with the company. This story, as he suspected at the time, he afterwards ascertained was a subterfuge. The young woman was seen on the streets of Denver some time after the company closed its engagement in the capital of the Centennial state, which was on November 17. He also learned that the young woman had a male friend in Denver who professed the greatest affection for her. Miss Marie Bailey, at present a member of the company, confirms this part of the story, but qualifies it by saying that Miss Haines had no regard for the man who was infatuated with her associate in the chorus.

The young woman whose body was found on Cutler mountain had been murdered. There was a bullet wound in the head and the absence of any weapon precluded the theory of suicide. Every mark on the clothing that would tend to reveal the identity of the dead woman had been carefully removed.

The corpse was that of a young woman about 23 years of age, five feet two inches high. She wore a heavy growth of blonde hair. This fits the description given of Miss Haines when she left the company.

On Saturday Manager Rosenthal received the following telegram:

"Colorado Springs, Dec. 24.—Has any female member of your company disappeared in Colorado?

"J. J. REYNOLDS,
"Chief of Police."

This is explained by the following Associated Press despatch:

Colorado Springs, Colo., Dec. 24.—Officers now engaged in attempting to solve the Mount Cutler murder mystery are quietly working on what they claim to be the best clue yet secured.

The new theory upon which they are working is that the deceased was a member of one of the theatrical troupes that visited this city during the past two months, and was put out of the way by some male member of the company on account of jealousy.

The police are now in telegraphic communication with managers of a number of companies which were here between November 1 and December 20, to ascertain if any of their members are missing

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SOCIALISTS' CONVENTION.

A Big Gathering of Delegates to Take Place in Vancouver.

What is planned to be the largest and most important gathering of Socialists ever held in the country will take place in Vancouver next Saturday, at the annual convention of the Socialist Labor Party of British Columbia.

It is probable, by the way, that the name of the party will be changed to the Socialist Labor Party of Canada, but that to £361,472; but in those two years specu- considered at the convention.

It is expected that there will be between thirty-five and forty delegates present. They will include Messrs. Williams and Hawthornthwaite, members of the legislative assembly of British Columbia, who make reports from time to time to the Socialists' executive committee. They will be amongst the principal speakers. There will be delegates from Nanaimo, Revelstoke, Fernie, Nelson and many other places in the interior.

One of the most important matters to be considered is that of planning a new election law for the province—rather the submission of amendments to the provincial government to be incorporated in the present legislation. The Socialists allege that under the present system a man who is out of work and away from home forfeits his right of voting. Thus a man cannot vote at Revelstoke if his name is on the voters' list in Vancouver. The Socialists wish this changed so that a man may vote wherever election day happens to hit him, supposing that he is in the province at that time. Other changes are also to be asked to make the Elections Act more elastic and more like that in vogue in the United States.

In connection with the proposal to change the name of the organization, it is a fact that a number of Socialist societies in different places throughout the East have applied for admission to this convention. There is one at Claresholm, Alta., another at Winnipeg, another at London, Ont., another at Fredericton, N. B., and still another composed principally of miners at Glace Bay, Nova Scotia. A traveling representative of the party is to leave about January 10, to make a tour or three months of cities between here and the Atlantic coast.

A large number of annual reports and much other business of a routine character are to be taken care of during the convention.

BANK OF MONTREAL.

London Financial Paper's Comment on the Annual Report.

A leading feature of the report just issued by the Bank of Montreal is that its financial year has been changed. Instead of closing at the end of April in each year, it will now close at the end of October, and this is the first report issued under the new system. The change ought to be a great improvement, as it is well known that the "fall" in North America is the most important of the seasons, and now that the bank will hold its meeting almost at the end of the year, a more complete review can be obtained of business conditions in the Dominion. According to the figures of the balance sheet, considerable expansion is shown in the business, as the deposits amount to no less than £19,478,306, and, we believe, stand at a figure which has never been exceeded in the history of the bank. Indeed, going back so recently as 1899, we find that the total then was only £11,605,473. As a natural result, the figures for loans and discounts and for call and short loans all show a considerable increase, and the only reduction of interest is a slight decline of about £82,000 in the note circulation. This is not remarkable in view of the more conservative tendency of business in Canada during the last twelve months. The effect of this movement is more clearly seen in the total of the net profits, which for the twelve months amount to £330,059. Compared with recent results this is a considerable decrease, for, calculating the profits for the two preceding twelve months, we find that in 1902-3 they amounted to £382,355, and in 1901-2 to £361,472; but in those two years speculation and trade in Canada were running at a very high rate, and the reaction now seen is only natural and healthy. Proof of this is found in the fact that if a comparison of profits be taken further back, the results for the present twelve months compare very favorably. As it is, this profit of £330,659 suffices to pay the dividend on the increased capital at the usual rate of 10 per cent., and then leaves £42,988 to go to swell the balance forward, which amounts to the large sum of £119,834.—London Financial Times.

THE GRAND.

There will be two matinees at the Grand theatre on Johnson street this afternoon, the first beginning at 2:30, the entertainment and amusement being furnished by Murphy and Andrews (R. P. and Blanche), high class entertainers and travesty stars, introducing up-to-date songs, medleys, etc.; Fyne and Dandy, comedy acrobats; William Gross, character comedian; Frederic Roberts, in illustrated song, and positively the funniest moving pictures ever seen anywhere. It depicts the troubles of a French court, who advertised for a wife, applicants to apply at a certain address at a certain time. Upon his arrival he finds such a number that he attempts to escape, when a chase ensues, in which the whole bunch of irate females, old and young, stout and thin, follow, helter-skelter, the fleeing count through all sorts of places, until when they are almost upon him he thinks to escape by jumping into the lake, only to have the stoutest of the angry husband-seekers plump in after him.

At the evening performances two other acts will be added, which will appear with the others at matinee and night performances for the balance of the week. These are The Kalmos, Charles and Acla, lightning change and character artists, who present the most refined and artistic dancing act on the stage. During the act they make five lightning changes of costume—evening dress, soldier, sailor, Highland Scotch and others. They are the premier Scotch dancers of America. Also E. J. Appleby, the king of banjo soloists. The complete bill will prove one of the most satisfying ever presented. Four of the acts, including the moving pictures, are of the most thoroughly amusing character, and those who are suffering from hypochondria or kindred ills are advised to discard medicines and stimulants for the coming week, take liberal doses of Manager Jamieson's "laughing cure" and grow fat.

ALLEGED DESERTER.

A week ago there was arrested at Everett, Wash., James Douglas, an alleged deserter from the United States army at Fort Lawton, says the Vancouver Province.

Today it is stated in Vancouver that the man is one who has been wanted by the Canadian secret service for a long time, and that there is now a Canadian officer in Everett for the purpose of making arrangements for the dropping of the charge against the man in the United States and allowing him to be brought to Canada.

It appears that the man's real name is James Douglas Clark, and that he was engaged in the mounted police department in the Northwest for a number of years. It is stated that he is now wanted for alleged forgery of certain official papers. He disappeared and the mounted police officials have been spending many anxious hours since that time looking for him. After leaving Regina it appears that he came to Vancouver and then went to San Francisco. He enlisted in the United States army at the Presidio, and was thereafter transferred to Vancouver, Wash. There he seems to have been located by a detective in the employ of the Canadian authorities, but he got warning of the chase and left Fort Lawton in the middle of the night. The American authorities at once took the matter up, and succeeded in arresting the man at Everett. He is still in that town, but it is altogether likely that he will be on the way back to Regina in a few days.

Clark's father is a prominent business man in Yarmouth, N. S.

DIVERTING WOOL TRAFFIC.

Vancouver Route Capturing Australian-United States Trade.

For the first time in the history of the Canadian-Australian steamship service, the operating company has managed to divert some of the wool traffic between Australia and United States points, to the Sydney-Vancouver route, says the Vancouver Province.

The steamship Aorangi, Captain Phillips, brought 3,134 bales of Australian wool en route to Boston. Small wool consignments have been brought before from Australia by the company's steamships, but the wool cargo of the Aorangi was the largest ever landed in this port.

Incidentally it may be mentioned that the Aorangi brought into port the largest cargo ever handled by any of the steamships plying between Vancouver and Australia. She had no less than 2,500 tons, and cargo space beyond that amount was not available, else could have had more freight.

In the past it has been the practice of shippers to send their wool from Australia to Boston by direct steamers or by steamer to England via the Suez canal, and thence across the Atlantic. The shipment of wool to Boston is a radical departure from prevailing methods, but at last shippers have been brought to the understanding that this route offers advantages over all others.

That Australian wool can be landed in Boston via Vancouver as cheaply as and more expeditiously than by any other route, with the exception of that via San Francisco, which in this case is evidenced by heavy shipments which are to come on the steamship Miowera, due on January 19, and on the steamship Moana, which will arrive on February 16. As the wool shipping season lasts but a few months, it is not likely that any large consignments will come over after that brought by the Moana in February. However, when the year 1905 draws to a close, and shipments of wool from Australia to Boston recommence, the Vancouver route will draw a larger portion of the traffic than it will this season.

Among the other cargo of the Aorangi was a large shipment of Australian hardwood railway ties destined to be laid on Canadian railways. These ties will be tested, and if found superior in wearing qualities to the fir ties now used, regular imports of them may result. One hundred and forty bales of New Zealand flax also came on the Aorangi. The flax is destined for United States points. Besides the usual shipments of hemp, coffees, etc., the Aorangi brought 245 tons of raw sugar from Fiji. The sugar is being discharged at the wharf of the British Columbia Sugar Refining Company.

The Aorangi was twenty-four hours late in reaching port. Her delay was occasioned by exceedingly heavy weather encountered after leaving Honolulu a week ago last Wednesday.

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TIDE TABLE.

Victoria, B. C., December, 1904.

(Issued by the tidal survey branch of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, Ottawa.)

Date.	Day	Time.	Height.	Time.	Height.	Time.	Height.	Time.	Height.
1	..	3 08	3.4	10 18	8.4	17 16	5.0	22 16	5.8
2	..	3 59	4.3	10 45	8.5	18 06	4.0		
3	..	0 26	6.0	4 50	5.2	11 13	8.7	18 52	3.0
4	..	2 26	6.4	5 42	5.9	11 42	8.9	19 34	2.1
5	..	3 47	7.1	6 35	6.6	12 12	9.1	20 14	1.3
6	..	4 43	7.4	7 27	7.0	12 43	9.3	20 53	0.8
7	..	5 37	7.7	8 18	7.4	13 15	9.3	21 32	0.7
8	..	6 29	7.9	9 10	7.6	13 46	9.1	22 12	0.7
9	..	7 18	8.1	10 06	7.8	14 14	8.8	22 52	1.0
10	..	8 02	8.1	11 09	7.8	14 35	8.2	23 32	1.5
11	..	8 34	8.2	12 37	7.6	14 48	7.7	.. ..	...
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13	..	0 53	2.8	9 04	8.2				
14	..	1 32	3.5	9 21	8.3				
15	..	2 08	4.3	9 43	8.3	18 32	5.0	22 10	5.2
16	..	2 38	4.9	10 10	8.4	18 44	4.5		
17	..			10 36	8.4	18 58	3.8		
18	..			11 01	8.6	19 16	3.2		
19	..			11 29	8.8	19 40	2.5		
20	..			11 58	9.0	20 11	1.8		
21	..			12 28	9.2	20 46	1.3		
22	..	5 39	7.5	7 34	7.5	12 59	9.3	21 24	0.9
23	..	5 46	7.7	8 23	7.6	13 32	9.4	22 03	0.8
24	..	6 08	8.0	9 24	7.7	14 09	9.2	22 43	0.9
25	..	6 40	8.1	10 34	7.6	14 50	8.8	23 25	1.2
26	..	7 15	8.3	11 49	7.4	15 39	8.2	.. ..	...
27	..	0 10	1.7	7 51	8.5	13 10	6.9	16 44	7.4
28	..	0 57	2.5	8 26	8.6	14 35	6.1	18 32	6.6
29	..	1 44	3.4	9 00	8.7	15 45	5.2	20 40	6.1
30	..	2 29	4.4	9 32	8.8	16 52	4.3	23 02	5.9
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The time used is Pacific standard for the 120th meridian west. It is counted from 0 to 24 hours, from midnight to midnight. The height is in feet and tenths of a foot.

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NOTICE.

Re Foreshore for Fishing Purposes.

NOTICE is hereby given that the time for receiving tenders for leases of foreshore for salmon fishing purposes is extended up to and including Wednesday, 1st February, 1905.

W. S. GORE,
Deputy Commissioner of Lands & Works.
Lands and Works Department,
Victoria, B. C., 22nd December, 1904. d25

NOTICE

Tenders For Foreshore For Fishing Purposes.

SEALED TENDERS will be received by the undersigned up to and including Thursday, 29th December, instant, from any person who may desire to obtain a lease of foreshore for salmon fishing purposes. Further information can be obtained and plans upon which the various sites now offered to tender are shown and numbered can be seen at the Lands and Works Office, Victoria, and at the office of Mr. R J. Skinner, Vancouver, and at the office of Mr. D. Robson, New Westminster. The competition will be in the amount of cash bonus offered. Each tender must state the No. of the site desired and must be accompanied by a certified cheque, made payable to the undersigned, to cover the amount of the first year's rental ($100) and the amount of bonus tendered. Cheques will be at once returned to unsuccessful tenderers.

W. S. GORE,
Deputy Commissioner of Lands & Works.
Lands and Works Department,
Victoria, B. C., 8th December, 1904.

Notice of Application for Grant of Foreshore and License to Construct Wharf.

NOTICE is hereby given that under and pursuant to the Revised Statutes of Canada, 1886, Chapters 36 and 92, the Council of the Corporation of the City of Victoria has applied to the Governor-General in Council for the grant of a portion of the foreshore on the Northeast of Rock Bay in Victoria Harbor.

A plan of the said foreshore and of the works and improvements proposed and a description by metes and bounds of the proposed sites of the same have been deposited with the Minister of Public Works at Ottawa, and a duplicate thereof has been deposited in the Land Registry Office at Victoria aforesaid.

Dated this 19th day of December, 1904.

WELLINGTON J. DOWLER,
Clerk of the Municipal Council of the City of Victoria. d22

Revised Statutes of Canada Chapter 92

NOTICE is hereby given that one month after date application will be made to the Governor-General in Council for approval of the plan and site of a wharf and saw-mill, to be erected by William Moore and Ernest W. Whittington on and opposite Lots 7, 8, 9 and 10, in Block B, Work Estate, in the City of Victoria, British Columbia.

A plan of the site with description thereof has been deposited with the Department of Public Works at Ottawa, and a duplicate of each has been deposited in the Land Registry Office, Victoria, B. C.

Dated this 28th day of November, 1904, at Victoria, British Columbia.

WOOTTON & GOWARD,
Band of Montreal Chambers,
Victoria, British Columbia.
Solicitors for the Applicants.

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The Pine Creek Power Company, Limited.

Victoria, B. C., December 23rd, 1904.

TO THE SHAREHOLDERS:

TAKE NOTICE that a special general meeting of the shareholders of this Company will be held at the office of the Company, No. 26 Board of Trade Building, Bastion Square, in the City of Victoria, on Wednesday, the 25th day of January, 1905, at the hour of 11 o'clock in the forenoon, for the purpose of considering the following special resolution:

RESOLVED, That the capital stock of the Company be increased by the issue of shares of the par value of not more than $50,000, in either one or both of the following ways:

1. By the issue of Common Stock.
2. By the issue of Preferred Stock.

Or in the alternative,

RESOLVED, That the Directors be authorized to borrow in any one of the ways following, a sum not to exceed $50,000, secured upon the undertaking of the Company.

(1) By Mortgage.
(2) By the issue of Debentures.

A. L. BELYEA,
Secretary.

NOTICE is hereby given that, thirty days after date, I intend making application to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to cut and carry away timber from the following lands: Commencing at the S. E. corner, thence 80 chains north, thence 80 chains west, thence 80 chains south, thence 80 chains east to point of commencement, making 640 acres; location on Walbran Island, B. C., and adjoining claim of H. W. Hoyne.

Dated this 31st day of August, 1904.

E. M. GUIE.

d24

NOTICE is hereby given that, thirty days after date, I intend making application to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to cut and carry away timber from the following lands: Commencing at post planted in the S.W. corner, thence east 80 chains, thence north 80 chains, thence west 80 chains; thence south 80 chains to point of beginning, making 640 acres; location, main land on point west of Wadham's Cannery, Rivers Inlet, B. C.

Dated this 31st day of August, 1904.

H. W. HOYNE.

d24

NOTICE.

NOTICE is hereby given that, thirty days after date I intend making application to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to cut and carry away timber from the following lands: Commencing at a post planted on the south side of Gregory Island, thence west 80 chains, thence north 50 chains, to north shore of island, thence following shore line easterly and southerly to point of commencement, containing 640 acres, more or less.

Dated this 14th day of December, 1904.

E. K. WALLES.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

Peter Curran Dunlevy, Deceased.

Pursuant to the Trustees and Executors Act, notice is hereby given that all creditors and other persons having any claims or demands upon or against the estate of the late Peter Curran Dunlevy, of Soda Creek, B. C., who died at Soda Creek aforesaid on the 15th day of October, 1904, (probate of whose last will and testament was granted at Victoria, B. C., to Jane Elizabeth Dunlevy of Soda Creek aforesaid, the executrix therein named on the 16th day of December, 1904), are hereby required to send particulars in writing of their claims to the undersigned, the solicitors for the said executrix, on or before the 31st day of January, 1905, after which date the said executrix will proceed to distribute the assets of the said deceased amongst the parties entitled thereto, having regard to the claims of which the said executrix has then had notice, and she will not be liable for the assets of any part thereof so distributed to any person or whose claim the said executrix has not had notice at the time of distribution.

Dated at Victoria, B. C., this 23rd day of December, 1904.

POOLEY, LUXTON & POOLEY,
Of 21 Bastion Street, Victoria, B. C., Solicitors for the said Executrix, Jane Elizabeth Dunlevy.

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NOTICE.

NOTICE is hereby given that, thirty days after date, I intend making application to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to cut and carry away timber from the following lands: Commencing at a post planted on the south shore of Kingcome Inlet, thence south 40 chains, thence west 160 chains, thence north 40 chains to shore of inlet, thence easterly following shore line to point of commencement, containing 640 acres, more or less.

Dated this 14th day of December, 1904.

J. C. RYAN.

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NOTICE.

NOTICE is hereby given that, thirty days after date, I intend making application to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to cut and carry away timber from the following lands: Commencing at a post planted about one half mile west from J. C. Ryan's N. W. corner, thence south 40 chains, thence west 160 chains, thence north 40 chains to shore, thence following shore line easterly to point of commencement.

Dated this 14th day of December, 1904.

JOSEPH SHIPPEN.

d24

NOTICE.

NOTICE is hereby given that, thirty days after date, I intend making application to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to cut and carry away timber from the following lands: Commencing at the N. W. corner, thence 80 chains south, thence 80 chains east, thence 80 chains north, thence 80 chains west to point of commencement, about one mile west of Skukum Chuch river, Rivers Inlet, B. C.

Dated this 31st day of August, 1904.

C. D. EMMONS.

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NOTICE is hereby given that, thirty days after date, I intend making application to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to cut and carry away timber from the following lands: Commencing at the N. W. corner, thence east 80 chains, thence south 80 chains, thence west 80 chains, thence north 80 chains to point of beginning on point of main land west of Wadham's Cannery, Rivers Inlet, B. C.

Dated this 31st day of August, 1904.

C. H. HAND.

d24

NOTICE is hereby given that, thirty days after date, I intend making application to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to cut and carry away timber from the following lands: Commencing at a post planted in the S. E. corner about two miles north of Black Rock, in Rivers Inlet, and on Walbean Island, B. C., thence north 80 chains, thence east 80 chains to point of commencement, containing 640 acres, more or less.

Dated this 31st day of August, 1904.

H. W. HOYNE.

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VANCOUVER POWER COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Vancouver Power Company, Limited, will be held at the office of Messrs. McPhillips & Heisterman, Solicitors, Bank of Montreal Chambers, Government Street, in the City of Victoria, British Columbia, on Thursday, the 5th day of January, 1905, at the hour of eleven o'clock in the forenoon, for the purpose following:

Appointing and ordering the periods of time in each year for the holding of the half-yearly general meetings of the shareholders, which meetings shall be called "ordinary meetings."

Dated this 10th day of December, 1904.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

IN THE MATTER of the Estate of Penelope Ann Astrico, late of Victoria, B. C., Deceased.

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to the Trustees and Executors Act to all creditors of the Estate of the said Penelope Ann Astrico, to send or deliver to the undersigned before the 12th day of January, 1905, their Christian names and Surnames, addresses and descriptions, the full particulars of their claims, duly verified, and the nature of the securities (if any) held by them.

AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE that after such date the executors will proceed to distribute the assets of the deceased, having regard only to the claims of which they shall then have notice, and will not be liable for such assets to any person or persons of whose claims they shall not have received notice at the time of such distribution.

Dated this 9th day of December, A. D. 1904.

McPHILLIPS & HEISTERMAN,
Bank of Montreal Chambers, Victoria, B. C., Solicitors for the Executors.

NOTICE

All mineral rights are reserved by the Esquimalt & Nanaimo Railway Company within that tract of land bounded on the south by the southern boundary of Comox District, on the east by the Straits of Georgia, on the north by the 50th parallel, and on the west by the boundary of the E. & N. Railway land grant.

LEONARD H. SOLLY,
Land Commissioner.

NOTICE.

MINERAL ACT.
Certificate of Improvements.
Notice.

"Sunset," "Success," "Sophia" and "Star" Mineral Claims, situate in the Victoria Mining Division of Renfrew District.

Located four miles up Gordon River.

Take notice that I, Malcolm Young, Free Miner's Certificate No. 85235, for self and as agent for A. Young and Jno. Young, F. M. L. 85236 and 85302, intend sixty days from the date hereof, to apply to the Mining Recorder for certificates of improvements for the purpose of obtaining Crown Grants of the above claims.

And, further, take notice that action, under section 37 must be commenced before the issuance of such Certificates of Improvements.

Dated this 22nd day of October, A. D. 1904.

NOTICE is hereby given, that thirty days after date we intend to make application to the Honourable Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works, for special license to cut and carry away timber from the following described lands: Commencing at a post marked B. C. C. Co. S. W. Post, placed on the East bank of the Tzee River, opposite Indian House, within about 15 chains of Oweekayno Lake, Cassiar District, thence 160 chains North, 40 chains East, 160 chains South, 40 chains West to point of commencement—containing in all 640 acres.

BRITISH COLUMBIA CANNING CO., LTD.
B. C. Mess, Manager.

December 12, 1904. d18

NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that under and pursuant to the "Revised Statutes of Canada, 1886," Chapter 92, THE TAYLOR MILL COMPANY LIMITED of Victoria, B. C., has applied to the Governor General in Council for a Lease of certain foreshore rights, and for approval of the plan and site for the erection of a new wooden wharf adjoining the present wharf of the said Company in Rock Bay, in the Harbor of the said City of Victoria.

A plan of the said proposed works and improvements, and a description by metes and bounds of the proposed sites of the same have been deposited with the Minister of Public Works at Ottawa, and duplicates thereof have been deposited in the Land Registry Office at Victoria aforesaid.

Victoria, B. C., the first day of December, 1904.

FELL & GREGORY,
Solicitors for the said The Taylor Mill Company Limited. d1

NOTICE

THE CANADIAN DEVELOPMENT COMPANY, LIMITED.

TAKE NOTICE that pursuant to Section 30 of the Companies Winding Up Act, 1898, an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Company will be held at the office of Bodwell & Lawson, Number 34½ Government Street, Victoria, British Columbia, on the 24th day of January, 1905, at the hour of eleven o'clock in the forenoon, for the purpose of having the Liquidator's account laid before the said meeting, and hearing any explanations that may be given by the Liquidator.

Dated the 24th day of November, 1904.

W. BRODERICK CLOETE,
Liquidator.

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NOTICE.

I intend to apply at the next sitting of the Board of Licensing Commissioners for a transfer of the license held by me to sell by retail Wines and Spirituous Liquors on the premises known as the Commercial Saloon, situated on the corner of Douglas and Cormorant streets, in the city of Victoria, B. C., to James Stuckey.

ALFRED WOOD.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

In the Matter of the Estate of Constance Langford Davie, late of Victoria, B.C., deceased.

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to the Trustees and Executors Act to all creditors of the estate to deliver to the undersigned before the 24th day of January, 1905, full particulars of claims, verified by Statutory declaration. After such date the executors will proceed to distribute the assets according to law.

Dated this 20th day of December, 1904.

McPHILLIPS & HEISTERMAN,
Of Bank of Montreal Chambers, Victoria, B. C., Solicitors for the Executors.

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PRACTICAL EDUCATION.

"Citizen" in his last letter takes a more practical view of the subject of public school education. He argues from the standpoint of making the city attractive through its schools so as to compete more successfully with other towns and cities of the coast in respect to its educational facilities. Therefore, he concludes that it would be unwise to fix any age limitations upon pupils attending the schools. This after all is viewing it very much from the dollars and cents point of view; and has not satisfactorily answered the question should there, on principle, be a limit to free public education? Should free instruction be carried on through the primary schools, the high schools and the universities? Or should the line be drawn at the high school or some stage of the high school? If the object of our educational system is to fit persons for after life, in other words, to assist them in making a livelihood, should the education be on some particular lines of manual or commercial training? Should the State pay for the whole of that cost, or should the pupil bear some stated percentage of it? From our point of view, the cost is, after all, not so important as the character of the instruction, and the advantages to accrue from it. It should, too, place all classes on an equal footing in respect to these advantages. Theoretically, the public schools are supposed to be in favor of the poor man, inasmuch as they afford an education for his children, up to a certain point, which he could not otherwise afford to pay for. In reality, except in a few cases, it is not so much in favor of the poor as the well-to-do. In nine cases out of ten the poor man must take his children away from school at an early age in order that they may become breadwinners. The well-to-do man sends his children, as a rule, for a very much longer period. Now, if the education imparted were of such a character that it would enable a boy to step out into a office or workshop and do something to earn a living from the start, the cost of that education would not be so material. "Citizen" has called our attention to the fact that manual training is being taught in the public schools; also domestic science. These are undoubtedly steps in the right direction; but our main contention remains practically true that at the present time the calling in life to which the curriculum leads is teaching, or some one of the professions. There is no other practical benefit to it; and as the percentage of teachers and professional men is only very small as compared with the other callings in life, the system does not properly fill its professed objects. We see the logical results of it every day. What are known as the "gentler" callings of life are everywhere over-crowded. In this connection we call special attention to a selection from the Baltimore Sun, which a reader has handed in as having a direct bearing on the discussion. The article in question takes the position that school life is unfitting rather than qualifying boys and girls for useful careers. The graduate of our schools goes out into life with a smattering of everything in his head, but with no knowledge or experience that will bring him employment. He cannot write a good business hand or compose a good business letter. He has had no industrial training, and, in nine cases out of ten, does not want to do manual work of any kind. As a consequence he settles down into second-class office work, and the rest of life is a scramble to make a living. We do not suppose that any system can be made to work to fill all the requirements; the most that can be done is to get as near them as possible. That, it seems to us, is to be done by studying the practical aims to which instruction should lead. Many of the branches at present taught partake of the nature of "luxuries," for which it is doubtful if the State is justified in paying. No man will hold that the higher branches of learning should be neglected: but it is not the mission of the State, while it may assist and encourage them, to develop literary men and scientists wholly at public expense. It comes back to the original proposition as to the point at which the line should be drawn. Certainly in the Province of British Columbia the cost of education is a very big item. Our natural resources are mining, agriculture, fisheries and timber. In what respect does the school curriculum, for which one-fourth of our revenues go in maintaining it on a high academic basis, better the position of the school graduate in dealing with the industries arising out of these four elements of our Provincial wealth?

The question to consider is if, after the boys and girls at present at school are turned out to shift for themselves, the results will be profitable as a return in the conversion of natural assets and latent potentialities, of which we boast, into wealth. No matter how we may view the advantages of education, they resolve themselves in the long run into a business proposition. If we are paying more than we can back in results, we are losing money, and that is what, we think, is happening throughout Canada today. It is true there are signs of improvement. Many of the city school boards are getting on the right track, or trying to, and we look to see good results from the work of which Professor Robertson has charge.

CANADA'S PLACE AMONG NATIONS.

Earl Grey, as Governor-General, is winning golden opinions from the people of Canada with whom he has come in contact in an official way, and so far it has been a long series of receptions. He has been especially happy in his public addresses, which have been well received. Lord Grey is a practical man, but with enthusiasms, and his experiences in Rhodesia have tended to give him a good knowledge of colonial life, which he is turning to good account. In a speech which he delivered at Ottawa in reply to an address from the Mayor and City Council he said among other things:

"The eventful and picturesque story of your past, your present position, and the boundless possibilities of your great future combine to make a most inspiring and entrancing theme. The blood is stirred and the imagination warmed by the ideas conveyed to the mind by the contemplation of your vast territories, of the mysterious and fascinating silence of the undeveloped North, of the varied richness of your boundless resources, of the unsurpassed charm and splendor of the scenery, and of the invigorating magnificence of your unrivalled climate. But there is one asset which you possess even more important than those to which I have referred, than those of area, riches, mystery, scenery and climate, namely, that which is represented by your national character. If you do not jealously guard the sacred fire of that asset, the others to which I have referred will be as dross and as the crumbling clay. If, on the other hand, you keep, as your address informs me, you will keep, the character of your people, high strenuous, virile, imaginative, heroical and imperial, no one can venture to set a limit to the degree of the influence which will be exercised on the future of mankind by the great Canadian nation, composed, as it is, of all that is best in England, Scotland and Ireland and France, and privileged as it is to be a factor and a factor of ever-increasing importance of that British empire representing already over 400,000,000 beings, which the greatest and most beneficent organization that has ever attempted to be the instrument of God on this earth. There is no reason, gentlemen, why the sons of Canada, if they are worthy of their fathers and of the country to which they belong, there is no reason why they should not in the lifetime of your children by reason of their numbers and of their character, exercise an all-powerful, and in time to come, perhaps, a controlling influence on the developments of the majesty and destiny of the empire whose standard is righteousness, and whose path is duty."

A REMARKABLE ADDRESS.

Bishop Archambault, in an address to the students of Laval, made use of the following language, which, to say the least, is remarkable in its tone: "Prepare yourselves to serve your country. I dream of our French Canada being rendered free and independent. When the hour comes such a result will be obtained without any commotion, and I count on you to bring about this liberty and independence."

Hon. Israel Tarte very properly criticizes the views of the Bishop, and declares that, even if his dream were patriotic, it can never be realized. The French-Canadian, he says, must ever remain in the minority, and that minority must increase instead of decreasing. "We will receive no contingents from abroad," says Mr. Tarte. "The immigration which reaches us by the shipload is of English, German and Italian origin. It is not, and never will be, French."

"If Mgr. Archambault," he goes on, "did not intend to express the thought that we would become the majority, his words signify, we suppose, that we will, at the proper time, separate ourselves from the rest of the Dominion and found an independent French state. Will Mgr. Archambault permit us to say that this hope is but a dream.

The criticism of Mr. Tarte will be found in another part of the paper, and is a very sensible view of the situation. No one would suffer so much as the French-Canadian people themselves by attempts to unsettle their allegiance to the permanent ideal of a Canadian Confederation devoid of race distinctions. It is, perhaps, only fair to Bishop Archambault to say that he disowns any intention of appealing to race prejudice, although his language is liable to but one interpretation. He says there was no idea of hinting at the existence of an insidious British yoke, which it was the duty of French-Canadians to throw off, and he adds, by way of explanation:

"I intended to convey the idea to my hearers that, just as the child, when later he becomes a man, throws aside the bondage of youth, gains a larger horizon and a fuller degree of autonomy, so perhaps, by the force of events, Canada may some day be called upon to take her place, a sovereign nation among other nations.

"Speaking for myself, I would prefer to see Canada a free and independent state."

OTTAWA TO GO GREY.

Toronto Star.

A fashion note has it that the prevailing color at Ottawa during the new regime will be Grey.

DAVID RUSSELL'S HYPNOTIC EYE.

Winnipeg Free Press.

Dave Russell, like another celebrated individual now attracting a great deal of attention—Mrs. Cassie Chadwick, to wit—appears to possess an hypnotic eye. Upon no other ground can his absolute control of the supposedly masterful Andrew G. Blair be accounted for.

LONG ON LETTERS.

One of the most popular priests in Canada is Father O'Gorman, of Gananoque. His reverence is a keen judge of horses and dogs, never failing to have at least one Irish setter at every bench show in New York city. At the recent exhibition there his entry won the first prize, on hearing of which a friend said to him: "I suppose they will make you a bishop now." Father O'Gorman, who is not at all averse to a joke himself, answered, readily:

"My dear sir, if I knew as much about theology as I do about Irish setters, I'd be a cardinal this minute."

A CAREFUL DUKE.

According to popular rumor in England, the income of the Duke of Norfolk is somewhere between $10,000 and $15,000 a day, and yet up to the recent army manoeuvres he had never taken a ride in a motor car. A member of the Motor Volunteer Corps, who was detailed to convey the duke about, found his grace very keenly interested in the car, and he listened attentively to the explanations of its working. Then he suddenly asked what the cost of the car was. "Twelve hundred pounds," replied the owner.

"Ah!" answered the duke seriously, and with a mournful sigh, "I shall wait till they become cheaper!"

JOSEPH HOWE.

St. John Sun.

The statue erected to Joseph Howe at Halifax is a recognition of the services and distinction of a famous man. Mr. Howe was not the greatest of Nova Scotians in constructive statesmanship. He missed that eminence by the fact that when there was the greatest occasion and opportunity for nation building he had dropped out of political life, and he lost or threw away the chance that came but once in his generation. But if he was not among those who reared the edifice of Canadian union, he was one who worked at the foundation. He more than any other Nova Scotian, more than any other British American, turned the mind of the people in the British colonies and in Great Britain toward the coming event. He was a most energetic promoter of railway union, and in his state papers as well as in his popular addresses, he showed that this was the way to political union. Tupper dared to do what Howe dared to dream of, and future historians may divide between them a wealth of fame amply sufficient for both.

But whatever was said yesterday, and whatever may be said tomorrow about the deeds of Joseph Howe, he was great in his lifetime more because of what he was than what he did. He was a reformer in certain directions, and in his earlier days a strenuous advocate of popular government as opposed to government by a class or to government by royal prerogative. What Howe thus accomplished in Nova Scotia was brought to pass in other colonies by other men, in some with bloodshed, in some without, but in no other with one heroic figure so prominently in the foreground. Those historians who measure men by their permanent and material service are always tearing down the mighty from their seat and raising those of low degree. Howe may suffer by such valuation. But the writer who searches contemporary record and learns how wonderful a devotion Howe inspired in his followers, with what prophetic inspiration he foresaw the possibilities and the perils of the British Empire on this continent and elsewhere, how great were his thoughts and how freely he told them, who manage to see the man as he was among men, will not make him less than the greatest men of his best days.

A SAVAGE ANECDOTE.

To speak kindly to employees is the all too short and easy way of "solving the servant problem," proposed by some amiable philanthropists. To Cecil Rhodes, it is clear, such preaching would have seemed foolishness. The Princess Radziwill, in her recent book, has this savage anecdote of him:

"One day some tourists of importance were visiting Groote Schuur, where they had been entertained by Mr. Rhodes; he took them himself over the house and grounds, and at last showed them one of Lobengula's sons, whom he employed as a workman on his estate. This led to a talk about the Matabele rebellion, and the visitor asked Mr. Rhodes in what year it had taken place. The Colossus thought for a moment, then calling to him the young native: "Look here," he said; "what year did I kill your father?"

EDUCATION THAT PAYS.

Do Public Schools Unfit Youth for Manual Labor?

Baltimore Sun.

The saying of the old Spartan king, that a boy should be educated in the line of his probable future occupation, has been much quoted by practical people, but is very imperfectly applied in our schools. With the large expansion of the curriculum of the public schools, to include all the "ologies" that enjoy a temporary popularity, the pupils are kept employed on general and fancy subjects until they are 15 or 16 years old, when they must enter abruptly on some occupation without having been educated for it. The fault is not confined to the public schools, private schools being similarly at fault, though, perhaps, to a less degree. In all our schools the whole body of pupils is, as a rule, set to work through the greater part of their school life on the same topics, with the same list of books, though it is perfectly certain that as soon as they leave school they will enter upon widely different occupations, for which their studies have not prepared them.

They have had a lot of finical parsing, a lot of exercise in special applications of arithmetic which are of no use to them, a lot of memorizing of geographical names of obscure places, and a great lot of other trash, but nothing that has any relation to their probable mode of life. On the contrary, their education tends to set them against hard work and to make them parasites upon parents or relatives whose education has been in the practical school of experience. Our contemporary, the Iron Age, has been much impressed with the effect of prevalent educational methods in demoralizing many who would under other circumstances be useful members of society.

"The public school system of the country," says the Age, "has been repeatedly charged with the sin of unfitting the rising generation for working with its hands, while it fitted it for nothing in particular. This charge is most frequently lodged against our public high schools, which annually graduate thousands of young people with aspirations toward the professions, who finally find their way into cheap clerical positions, because there is nothing else that they know how to do."

To correct this evil (for evil it is) wise boards of education in the larger cities and towns are making provision for manual training departments to existing public schools, and in some instances to separate public manual training schools. It has resulted in the training of the hand and eye, developing the judgment of the American youth, instilling into their minds the dignity and worth of manual labor, and fitting them upon graduation to step onto one of the lower rounds of our industrial ladder with the attitude toward useful work and the skill and taste that will permit them to rise to greater heights.

If the good of the individual pupil and the good of the community be given the first place in an educational policy, rather than the vindication of some special political theory, it might be in order to consider whether pupils should not be given from the first day of their admission to school the option of a practical, as distinguished from a literary, course of education.

A youth educated to earn an honest living at farm labor, carpentering, blacksmithing, cooking, sewing, etc., is certain to be in a better position than one without these accomplishments, even though the latter figures in the census report as a "literate." The fact is that there are worse things than so-called "illiteracy," one of them being want of training for an honest calling. High and dry educationalists have made the capital blunder of calling knowledge of "the three R's" education, whereas it is neither an education nor a preparation for earning a living. It is good so far as it goes, but it does not go far. The truth has to be faced—if education is to cease to "unite the rising generation," as the Age says, "for working with its hands"—that an education in useful trades is better than "mere book-larnin'." It is better for the individual and better for the community, which pays for the individual's training. The training that has direct reference to one's probable necessities is, after all, the only sensible and real education, and the earlier in the pupil's career this truth is recognized and acted upon the happier it will be for all concerned.

A HIGH-PRICED FRIENDSHIP.

Montreal Gazette.

At a banquet tendered Senator Templeman in Victoria the other day, the guest of the evening bluntly told those present that until they had a Liberal government in British Columbia they could not expect to receive better terms from the Laurier administration. It was only shortly before that the people of British Columbia were assured that the only way of securing better terms was to send a strong Liberal deputation to Ottawa. They sent a solid deputation and are now told that the scalp of the McBride government, the first business government the province has had in many years, must be included in the offering. The friendship of the Laurier government has been placed at a prohibitive figure.

EVIDENCE OF A FIASCO.

Montreal Gazette.

The Belleville Ontario describes the begus ballot box libel suit against its editor as "virtually another Pontius Pilate fiasco over again." As upon the evidence adduced at that trial, two Liberal candidates in the last general elections are fugitives from justice, a police magistrate is in jail, and three or four other Liberal workers, in addition to the editor, have been committed for trial, the Ontario's attempt to keep a stiff upper lip much resembles a fiasco.

THOMAS A. EDISON, the inventor, in mapping out the problems of the future, gives first place to the necessity of fighting the bacteria which give us our diseases. Next to the actual bacteria of disease, the mosquitos and flies are the most dangerous enemies of man. The mosquito with its bite injects into our veins malaria, yellow fever, and other fatal troubles. The fly, with spongy feet, collects the invisible germs of diseases, spreads them over our food and poisons us with typhoid, cholera and other plagues of the human race.

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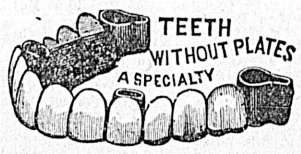

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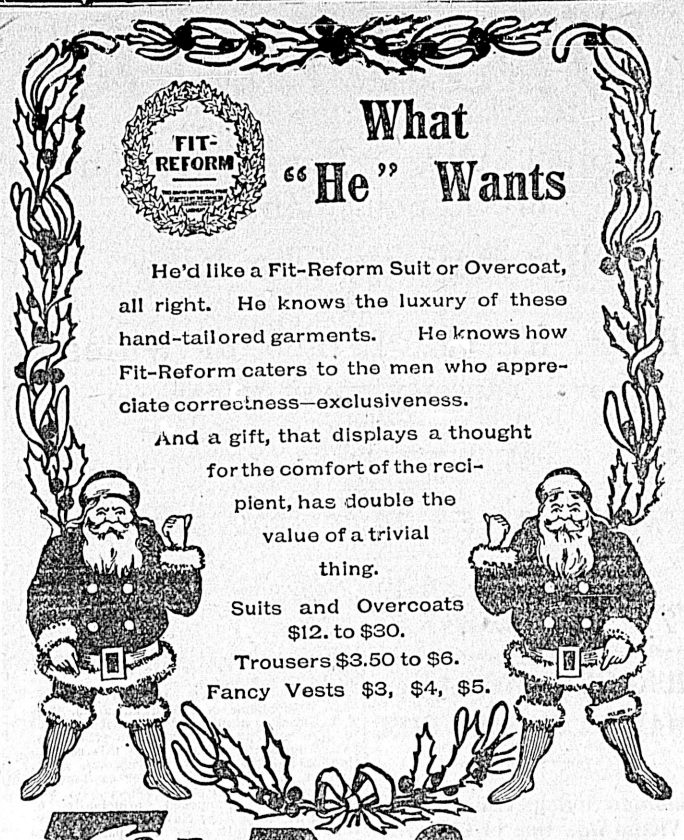

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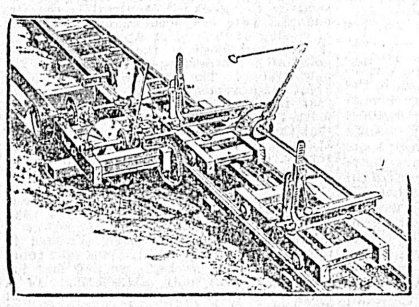

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LOCAL NEWS.

Staff Remembered.—The Colonist composing room staff are indebted to Messrs. Dix H. Ross & Co. for a thoughtful Christmas remembrance, and the same is duly appreciated.

For the Orphans.—The annual Christmas treat for the inmates of the British Columbia Protestant Orphans' Home will be held on Thursday afternoon next from 3 to 6 p. m. Donations will be thankfully received and all friends are cordially invited to attend.

G. H. Hadwen Returns.—G. H. Hadwen, who left Victoria soon after the close of the provincial exhibition in September last and took six carloads of horses bred in the interior of B. C. to Eastern Canada, has returned from Ontario, where he met with success in disposing of the B. C. animals. He brought back with him from the East a carload of thoroughbred stock.

Horse Was Killed.—Yesterday a horse was killed by a street car on the Oak Bay line. The horse was straying on the track of the street railway company when the tragedy occurred. The car was coming down the hill near Foul Bay road, and the horse suddenly turned from the road on to the metals. The motorman was unable to bring the car to a stop in time to save the animal, which was killed by the blow from the car.

A Heavy Mail.—The postoffice clerks report that the mail of the last few days has been a very heavy one. Yesterday they were at work arranging the hundreds of parcels and quantity of mail matter for delivery this morning. Usually the clerks do not start to work on Sundays until the Vancouver mail arrives in the evening, and they do not remain long, but yesterday was an exception, and they had a hard day's work getting ready for today's delivery.

Messengers Were Busy.—The mercurys of Santa Claus—the boys of the messenger service—had a busy time on Christmas eve and yesterday. The night before Christmas they were on the go until long after midnight even to the small hours of early morning, and again at dawn yesterday the messengers began their rounds with arms laden with parcels, gifts that were to bring gladness to the heart of many recipients of the favors of good old Santa.

Sailors Fraternized. — Yesterday shore leave was given to the sailors of the United States torpedo stroyer Paul Jones, which is visiting Esquimalt while on a cruise of British Columbia and Puget Sound waters, and shore leave was also given to the sailors of H. M. Service at Esquimalt. The British and United States tars fraternised a good while ashore, and it was a common sight on the streets of the city yesterday to see a Christmas entente cordiale, British and American sailors swinging about with their arms locked.

Employees Remembered.—For the celebration of the Christmas holidays the management of the Taylor Mill Company, through M. E. Onn, forwarded each employee of the establishment—numbering fifty in all—a fine turkey. The gift was accompanied by a beautiful Christmas card, suitably engraved, wishing the compliments of the season on behalf of the Taylor Mill Company, Ltd. The card read as follows: "Wishing you the compliments of the season and a merry time with the turkey. Your co-operation is essential to a successful business. We appreciate your efforts during the past year. Taylor Mill Company, Ltd."

A Popular Captain.—Capt. John Truebridge, master of the new Great Northern liner Minnesota, is very popular in Victoria. For ten years he has been master of craft familiar in these waters, and as skipper of the Olympia and Victoria made a host of friends along the coasts of both the Dominion and the United States. It was Captain Truebridge who brought the Olympia to this coast from England. That was ten years ago, and she was then known as the Dunbar Castle. Captain Truebridge gave up command of the Victoria last April and entered the Great Northern service, going East to watch the Minnesota through the later stages of construction. He began his seafaring career thirty-two years ago, sailing then from Liverpool as fourth officer of a full-rigged sailing vessel. By the time he was 25 years of age he had qualified as a ship's master. At the end of sixteen years' service on sailing craft he took up steamship work. He has been in that end of the profession for the last sixteen years, and has risen rapidly to his post as commander of the biggest ship that ever sailed the Pacific.

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TIMBER RANGER.

Mr. John Murray Back From a Tour of the Kootenay Country.

Mr. John Murray, timber ranger, returned yesterday from the Kootenays and the Okanagan, where he had been to collect dues from mills owing the Provincial government. Conditions of the lumber industry in the interior, he says, are very bad. Most of the mills are shut down, and those that are not are running on very limited time. There is a large number of idle men because of the depression. Ludgate's mill at Arrowhead, where the two brothers operate under the name of the Big Bend Lumber Company, is running shorthanded, to see what's going to happen. Mr. Lequime, who has a large mill at Granby, has stopped operations, and will not take out any logs this winter. The yards all have stacks. Altogether, the prospect is very poor. Collections are not as easy as six months ago.

In this connection, a rancher from up the Fraser river stated yesterday that the bad times with the lumber mills affects them. A number of the ranchers take out logs, one as many as $2,000 worth, but with the cessation of operations, this has stopped. Men in the vicinity are employed and considerable money has been circulated by means of logging in this way. The last boom was brought down to New Westminster a couple of weeks ago, and the manager stated that had he not promised it would not have been accepted, as already the mill was overstocked.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS.

Premier McBride Sends a Nice Message to the Toronto Globe.

As a Christmas greeting Premier McBride sent the following to the Toronto Globe:

"My thanks to the Globe for the opportunity kindly accorded me as Premier of British Columbia to extend on behalf of its people Christmas greetings to the press of Canada and to kinsmen beyond the mountains. We rejoice in the peace, harmony and prosperity which abound among them from ocean to ocean, and especially in those Eastern provinces from which so many of our citizens have come.

"Though far separated, distance or physical obstacles are no longer barriers to fraternal and commercial intercourse, united as we are by bands of steel, soon to be doubled, and, let us hope trebled, to meet the legitimate requirements created by vigorous national expansion.

"Habited on the ever verdant coast of the Pacific, the hearts of British Columbians are at this festive season with kindred and friends whose homes extend to the other shore of our great Dominion, and are laden with messages of good will.

"The outlook for the province has never been brighter than on the eve of this Christmas. Imbued with a firm faith that their claims on the Dominion, the justice of which can only properly be appreciated by those familiar with our peculiar physical conditions—he sole impediment to complete provincial development—will be duly recognized, our people have an ardent hope that their many natural sources of wealth and boundless opportunities are destined to an early and full fruition. Canadians all, Britons all, they have a strong and abiding faith that the ascendant star of united Canada, whose splendid future is now assured, will move brighter and brighter in the galaxy of empire.

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IS IT WAR OR PEACE?

Still a Possibility That There Will Be No Strike of the Union Barbers.

Although the union barbers of the city met as per announced intention and received the veto of the master barbers, returning their ultimatum with the phrase so hateful to the magazine contributor—"Declined with thanks"—the formal and final declaration of war is still withheld. Perhaps it is because the Christmas season puts peace into all hearts. Perhaps preparations for a hard winter campaign are not as far advanced as might be considered tactically necessary. Perhaps a war loan has yet to be placed upon the market—but in any event, the promised strike hangs fire.

As already stated in the Colonist, the union a short time ago solemnly deliberated upon the question "Shall moustache-curling and neck-shaving be hereafter considered as side orders, and cause for increases in the corpulency of the customer's check?" It was decided that the operations in question could not be regarded as on the tonsorial table d'hote menu. Heretofore the guest of the barber has expected when ordering a shave to have the neck-shaving and moustache curling thrown in as a bonus, in the same manner as he looks for free bread and butter and a gratuitous glass of water when he orders ham and eggs.

Accordingly the price card was amended so as to provide charges of five cents extra for each of the operations determined to be superfluous to the professional definition of a complete shave, the retail market value of which is 15 cents net. The master barbers were thereupon advised that Caesar's edict had gone forth, and that unless they took notice and governed themselves accordingly, there would be a bad beginning of the year. The master barbers did not see why it should have been all settled for them, and declined the dictated change. Last Friday evening the local union of the J. B. I. (which by interpretation is the Journeymen Barbers' Union) met to deliberate upon the veto of the employers. The cabinet council is described as almost as stormy as the night itself, but in the end further diplomatic negotiations were decided upon, a committee being named to meet the Master Barbers' Association, some time this week and most probably tomorrow. At this conference an effort will be made to reach an amicable adjustment between Labor and Capital as represented by the barber trade.

The immediate stumbling block in so far as the barbers are concerned, is stated by some of the employers to be that they have been too precipitate. They have passed their bylaw, unchangeable almost as the statutes of the Medes, declaring it law that a man who is so vain as to desire a curled moustache, or his exquisite brother delighting him in a shaven neck, shall pay a five-cent bonus for the extra "fixin'." It required but a simple majority to thus amend the assessment act, but it requires a two-thirds majority to repeal the legislation. A few within the union are therefore invested with the balance of power and may make war or peace.

Meanwhile the lover of curled moustache or shaven neck should make it a point to lay in a stock sufficient to last him for six months or so at least, in the event of the worst eventuating.

The master barbers, it is commonly reported, regard the move for amendment of the price scale as preliminary possibly to a demand for increased wages.

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Christmas Day At The Lock-up

The Prisoners Had Turkey and Christmas Cheer at the Civic Bastile.

All Had Liberal Helpings of Christmas Bird and Were Made Glad.

At the city lock-up yesterday the prisoners who are behind the grated doors under the jailer's key were given a dinner in keeping with the festive occasion. Mrs. Jameson, who, for some fourteen years or more, has sent the viands to the inmates of the lock-up did provide a turkey that, as one of the trusties said, "tasted like that which mother used to cook." Then, too, there were oranges and other delicacies, and small blacks and large blacks—a Christmas was served. They will have their Gloomy Gus.

There were eleven at the feast. Many of the "drunks" who had been arrested on Christmas eve were freed that they might go their way and booze no more, that they might spend Christmas with their relatives and friends. But others took their places. There were several who became obstreperous when they got a Christmas package and they had a headache when the Christmas dinner was served. The will have their Christmas dinner today, perhaps.

Mike O'Brien, who is accused of supplying liquor to some Saanich Indians, and who is awaiting his trial on Tuesday, was another guest at the festive board of the jailers, and he voted it as good a dinner as he could have had even if he followed the recipes in the cook book of his cabin. Sinclair and Hamilton, the two tugboat men who are held because of a Christmas eve saloon brawl, were also guests at the dinner. Sinclair, whose neck was badly cut, was suffering from his wound. Then there were two women of the town held on suspicion of robbery, and it was a blue Christmas for them. Perhaps they thought of other Christmas days in the forgotten past—and shed a silent tear. But withal, it was a merry Christmas dinner and it was good turkey.

C. P. R. ORIENT AGENT.

D. E. Brown Has an Interesting Chat With the Winnipeg Free Press.

Mr. D. E. Brown, general agent for the C. P. R. in the Orient, arrived in Winnipeg yesterday afternoon on his way west after a holiday of several months spent in Eastern Canada and on the continent, says the Winnipeg Free Press. He is on his return trip to Hongkong to resume his duties, having been absent since last May. Mr. Brown has been connected with the traffic departments of the C. P. R. for a number of years. He was in Winnipeg from 1882 till 1886, when he removed to the coast, where he remained till 1892, being then sent back to take charge of the company's interests across the Pacific.

Having lived for twelve years among the Chinese he has succeeded in getting fairly well in touch with them, and says that the yellow peril, which Germany is making so much capital of at present, is all nonsense. The present war has caused a marked increase in many lines of trade and has been a great benefit to portions of China. Trade has shown a marked increase during the past year, and the war opened up many tracts of extremely valuable country, which under the Chinese system of government would have been closed to trade for many years to come. Many branches of manufacture are being opened, and the import of machinery from Europe and America has also opened another valuable field for commerce.

Mr. Brown has also come in contact with the Japanese, whom he considers a race of traders. As soon as contact with foreign merchants has generated certain much needed alterations in their business methods, he feels that the Japs will become a leading factor in the mercantile world. Mr. Brown leaves here for the coast, where he will spend Christmas and New Years.

INCREASE CAPITAL STOCK.

B. C. Packers' Association's Big Plans for Next Season.

No organiaztion of the British Columbia Packers' Association will be necessary, according to reports in general circulation here and at Vancouver, says the Seattle Post-Intelligencer. It is now stated that more capital has been secured to continue the operation of the corporation and its interests without resorting to the extreme method first suggested of an entirely new reorganization. Funds were required for next season's operations and to obtain that sum it is now practically certain that the shareholders have authorized the association to increase its working capital by $500,000 to carry the pack and plants during 1905, which everyone believes to be the "big" year.

The question of the increase in capital came before the special term general meeting of the stockholders, which was held on Monday at the head offices in Jersey City, N. J. The major representation of common stock was proxies held by Aemillius Jarvis of Toronto, second vice president of the company. To effect the passage of a resolution authorizing the increase of capital it was necessary that at least 50 per cent. of common stock be represented at the session.

To secure the required appointment, Mr. Jarvis, under date of Toronto, November 24, made a personal appeal to all common stockholders to forward him proxies. His appeal was a strong one, and bore fruit, for he held sufficient signatures to prevent the dissembling of the old company and to carry to fruition the plans for gaining funds by an increased capitalization. The principal argument used by Mr. Jarvis was that if the meeting were abortive nothing remained but reorganization, and that such a step meant an entire wiping out of the common stock.

The present capital of the British Columbia Packers' Association is $2,762,700, divided into $1,512,700 of common shares and $1,250,000 of preferred stock.

What Some People Say

That it is manifestly appropriate that Christmas should be called the world's greatest hollyday.

That firs are very fashionable today.

That after the feast will come the interminable diet of cold turkey and turkey hash.

That at least a few of the Christmas trumpets are already out of commission.

That the post office staff at least will be glad when it is all over.

That less than a week now remains for blocking out the schedule of good resolutions.

That even if they are heathens, the Chinese seem to know how to manipulate the white man's laws to further their own mysterious schemes.

That Solomon would have been put upon his mettle if he had been asked to judge in a modern Chinese law case.

That if Nan Patterson is "the actress," what are Mrs. Fiske, Maude Adams, et al?

That even the nor'easter stopped blowing itself when Christmas came in person.

That bargains in hold-over Christmas goods will now be in order.

That it is to be hoped if the barbers do strike it will not be with their razors.

That the members of the Pacific Club have that proud and satisfied feeling.

That it is time to take a few of Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets.

That the Japs had better hurry up the close of their war if they don't want it crowded out of the newspapers by the proceedings of the British Columbia legislature.

That yesterday's little snow flurry was just to make it realistic for the young folks.

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RUGBY FOOTBALL.

Victoria vs. Vancouver.

The Victoria Senior Rugby fifteen left for Vancouver this morning to meet the B. C. champions at Brockton Point at 10 o'clock. The Vancouver players expect a very hard game, and profiting by their experience here, they are putting on heavier forwards. Hugh Springer and Pigott will materially strengthen the line, and the backs have also been made as formidable as possible. Flood will appear again, and as Jenkins, C. Marpole and R. Johnston are backing him, the three-quarter line should be very dangerous. The Victoria team is far stronger than the one which met Vancouver at the Caledonia grounds. K. Gillespie will play full-back, and his appearance always gives the team confidence. Gillespie is a hard man to pass. He is always cool and reliable, and his kicking into touch is a treat. H. Gillespie is a tower of strength to the three-quarter line. He knows the game thoroughly and plays hard all the time. K. Scholefield is in good trim and should be able to use his speed with good effect. J. Bray, the clever little halfback, who puzzled the champions in the memorable match of last year, is again wearing the red and white, and with W. Newcombe for a partner he should keep the Vancouverites busy. Forsyth is a new forward. He played for Loretto, and his inclusion in the forward division will greatly strengthen it. The teams are:

Victoria—Fullback, K. Gillespie; three-quarters, K. Scholefield, H. Gillespie, Talbot, B. Bell; halfbacks, J. Bray, W. Newcombe; forwards, F. A. Macrae (capt), J. Cornwall, J. C. Barnacle, J. C. Targett, Forsyth, C. B. Kennedy, P. Austin, A. Newcombe.

Vancouver — Fullback, Watson; three-quarters, Jenkins, Marpole, Johnston, Flood; halfbacks, Sawers, Baxter or Bajus; forwards, Worsnop (capt), Botterell, Ritchie, McConaghy, Piggott, Springer, Templeton, Brenton.

A. Gillespie was to have played for Victoria, but he is unable to go. Menzies is also unable to get away. Patton met with an accident in practice and Bell took his place.

Juniors Working.

The Victoria Juniors are working hard for their return match with the Vancouver Juniors, which will take place on January 2 at Oak Bay. A practice game will be played with the Intermediates this morning at Oak Bay, commencing at 10:30.

The Intermediates will be chosen from: W. Blackburn, W. Heath, Lee, J. Hunter, J. Keefer, F. Clayton, B. Prior, Hamilton, J. Belyea, C. Vincent, V. Harrison, N. Scott, J. Fawcett, J. Cambie, R. McInnes, C. E. Berkeley, N. Gowen, B. Bell, Marcon, C. Keefer.

The Juniors will line up in the following order: Fullback, H. Ogden; three-quarters, T. Sargison, J. Gidley, F. Anderson, G. Morley; halfbacks, W. Irving, F. Nason; forwards, J. Miller, A. Jeffs (capt.), L. Sweeney, P. Morris, J. O'Keefe, A. Raymur, W. Loat, W. Patterson.

ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL.

League Game This Morning.

The Victoria United and Victoria West Association football teams will meet at Oak Bay this morning in a league engagement. A close and exciting contest is expected, as the result means a good deal to each side. The Victoria United boys will strain every nerve to win this match, for then they will be on even terms with the Garrison. The rival teams for this morning's struggle are as follows:

Victoria United—Goal, J. Finlaison; fullbacks, H. A. Goward (capt.), B. Schwengers; halfbacks, W. Lorimer (centre), C. S. Thompson, A. Gowen; forwards, J. Lawson (centre), L. York and C. Berkeley; left wing, S. Lorimer and J. Lorimer, right wing.

Victoria West—Goal, Roller; fullbacks, Isbister, Jones; halfbacks, C. Fairall, Quinn, W. Fairall; forwards, Harper, O'Donnell, Constable, Brown and Lewis.

Sergeant Derbyshire will act as referee.

The Noted Corinthians.

In view of the proposed tour of the famous Corinthian football team of England, an able article in the Christmas number of C. B. Fry's Magazine," by Mr. C. B. Fry himself, will be of interest.

"There are two views," he says, "of the famous Corinthians; one that they are the greatest Association football club the world has ever seen, the other that they are not a football club at all."

This is certainly a paradoxical statement, but Mr. Fry obviously has reason for the remark. But he goes a point further without attempting to dispute either view, and says: "Let us then make a comparison, and take the Corinthians to be what their past and present alike entitle them to consider themselves—year in and year out, the best English amateur Association team."

With this opinion nobody with the smallest pretence to knowledge of the subject would cavil, except the Scotsman who will tell that the Queen's Park has yet a prouder record. Among the Corinthian players are the cream of the big public schools and of the universities, and many a good judge—not only in amateur, but in professional circles too—has expressed the opinion that were the Corinthians to play regularly together and train for the English cup, they would have a great chance of annexing it.

Naturally one cannot speak of the Corinthians without referring to "Pa" Jackson. Towards the end of the season of 1881-82, Mr. Jackson, who was at the time honorary assistant secretary of the Football Association, came to the conclusion that the combination in English teams was very much inferior to that which obtained among the Scottish players. This he considered due to the fact that the Scottish players had many opportunities of playing together, whereas the opportunities of the Englishmen were few, as they rarely met on the same ground except in international encounters.

Accordingly it struck him that, could a club be formed of the best players throughout the Kingdom, if only to play a few matches every season, it would give that opportunity of learning each other's methods. With this object in view, some of the most prominent of the players of the South were invited to meet and exchange views on the subject. The most famous of those who responded to the invitation were H. A. Swepstone (the great goal keeper of the Pilgrims F. C.), E. C. Bambridge and C. Holden-White, three of the most celebrated of players in the eighties. At first the teams aimed at nothing very special; they varied in strength, and were generally called "N. L. Jackson's" eleven.

To again quote Mr. Fry, "It is interesing to note that the fundamental patriotic idea of the club was not ineffectual, if we may judge by results. In the nine seasons before 1884 England had lost eight of the internationals with Scotland. In the next nine years there were forty-four Corithians in the English elevens, and England only lost twice. In 1886 the English team was composed of nine Corinthians and two Blackburn Rovers—Forrest and McArthur—and many critics still hold that it was the best team England has ever placed in the field."

It is worthy of mention that in the last twenty years 36 per cent. of the places in the England eleven against Scotland had been awarded to Corinthians. Here Mr. Fry must again be quoted, for he lets us into a secret until now known only to the inner circle of the club itself. Says the writer: "By about 1889 the main purpose of the Corinthian F. C. was to provide an amateur team capable of meeting the leading professional clubs on equal terms."

Indeed, one raison d'etre was to give amateurs a chance of their Scottish caps, for unless the Corinthians beat the leading professional clubs fairly often they stood very little chance of being chosen against Scotland, so dominant had become the professional element.

From the club's inception up to the present date the Corinthians have never had a really weak side. There have naturally been periods when they have been stronger than at others, but it cannot be said that they have ever given a really bad showing when able to command full strength. One curious feature, however, is that the attack has always been the main feature of the club's success. This may occasion some surprise when it is remembered that when W. R. Moon kept goal his backs were the brothers Walters, and about that period such backs as A. T. B. Dunn, F. R. Pelly and A. H. Harrison were also available. Then there were half backs of the calibre of A. Amos, N. C. Bailey, H. E. D. Hammond, C. Holden-White and C. Wreford-Brown, so that when it is calmly asserted that the forward line was the pick of the basket it will be seen how really formidable the front division was.

Any article on the Corinthians would be incomplete without reference to C. Wreford-Brown. He still plays the game, and as a centre half holds his own with the best. W. J. Oakley was a back who earned fame with C. B. Fry at Oxford. Both were fine all-round athletes, and both got international caps. Of the later generation, R. E. Foster wanted some beating; he was as clever a forward as he is a cricketer, and higher praise could not be bestowed. And there was an occasion, too, when he kept goal in almost international style.

Two men still in active harness are S. H. Day and S. S. Harris. The first named is an old Malvernian, and the latter was last season's captain of Cambridge University. Both are very fine forwards.

HOCKEY.

Practice Today.

All members of the Victoria Hockey Club are requested to turn out to practice at 2 o'clock this afternoon. Sides will be chosen and an interesting game is anticipated.

The next matches will be Duncans vs. Victoria intermediates, on January 21, at Oak Bay, and Victoria seniors vs. Vancouver seniors, on January 21, at Brockton Point.

THE TURF.

Saturday's Run.

The run of the Hunt Club which took place from the residence of Mr. Pooley on Saturday afternoon, was a very enjoyable one. There were fifteen riders, of whom four were ladies. The day was all that could be desired and the jumps were of average height. The course led over the Transfer fields, Mr. Knox's land, behind the Four-Mile House, and finished at Strawberry Vale.

There was only one casualty, a horse and rider rolled over a fence, but neither was seriously hurt. Some of the others riders had narrow squeaks.

The next run will be from the Colonist hotel, a run which is always looked forward to by everyone. The start will be made at 2:30.

THE OAR.

Towns vs. Stanbury.

Matters regarding a match between George Towns, the champion, and Jim Stanbury, the ex-champion, are proceeding apace, and, says the Sydney Referee, it looks as if the two are almost sure to meet.

Jim Stanbury has been spending days in the Shoalhaven district, where he was, and, meeting with encouraging promises of support from Mr. Robinson, of the Prince of Wales hotel, Nowra, and several others, he telegraphed to George Towns to meet him at the Referee office on Friday, September 19th. The champion responded readily, and a friendly chat resulted in the editor's room. Stanbury said he wanted to know whether Towns would row him, so that he could be better guided in the matter of stake money and training. Towns intimated that he would be prepared to row for the championship and £500 a side in April or May.

Stanbury wanted the stake made less, say £300 a side, but Towns insisted upon the money being the same as in the race with Tressider, and he prefers the first deposit to be £20 a side and the final one £300 a side. Stanbury has realized that a £500 stake is not so easily obtained now as in the old days, but what with supporters in Shoalhaven, Newcastle and Sydney, he hopes to procure it.

While a match is very likely to result, Towns reserves to himself the right to accept any better offer from England or elsewhere in the meantime, but it is not likely—assuming that Stanbury finds backing for £500—that he will do any better, for this match will be at his own door, while there will be considerable expense attached to a trip to England.

Of course, until articles are signed and a deposit put up, there is nothing binding, but if the match is to come off, it will not be many weeks before articles are signed. The "Referee" is to be the stakeholder.

The time, next Easter, will suit both sides very well. Towns can do with a spell after his last match, and in any case, he does not like to train in the summer. Stanbury, being so much above his weight, will want more than the usual time to prepare for the race. Though big, he looks in the pink of health. If he can get near his best there will be a great race, for he knows how to scull, and has both speed and staying power.

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DAN. McLEOD DEFEATED.

Fails to Win Handicap Match From J. D. McLennan at Revelstoke.

J. D. McLennan, of Kamloops, until recently the amateur champion wrestler of the province, won a handicap wrestling match from Dan. S. McLeod, ex-champion catch-as-catch-can wrestler of the world, which took place at Revelstoke on Thursday evening.

The match was held in the Revelstoke opera house, and was attended by a large gathering of the sporting fraternity of the town. According to the conditions of the match, McLeod undertook to throw McLennan four times within an hour. He all but succeeded. Dan. won the first fall in sixteen minutes with a half nelson and crotch hold. The second fall took twenty-five minutes, and also went to McLeod, who put his man down with his famous scissors and half nelson combination. The third fall was secured by McLeod in 15:45 with a further half nelson. This occupied in all 56¾ minutes, and for the 9¼ remaining minutes of the hour McLennan put up a splendid exhibition of stalling, for which his supporters did not think he had the staying power. Try as he would, McLeod could not get the necessary fourth fall, and the match went to McLennan.

Both McLeod and McLennan came down on today's train. The latter showed the effects of the hard struggle and the gruelling he had received at the hands of the ex-champion. One eye was half closed and bloodshot, and the skin was ground off his wrists and arms in several places as the result of hard contact with the canvas mat. McLennan went over to Nanaimo this afternoon, while McLeod took the train for New Westminster, to spend Christmas with friends in the Royal City.

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CHEFOO UNHARMED.

Chefoo, Dec. 25.—There was no news of the operations at Port Arthur received here either yesterday or today.

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I.

My heart's at peace with all, and fain would I
Live, as I love, in life-long amity;
And yet the storm-clouds lower, the rising wind
Stirs up the waves; the elemental strife
Rages around. I do not understand
Why this should be.

II.

'Tis surely not our fault,
We sought to be sincere in deed and word;
We have exhausted every means to press
A clear and truthful case, but all in vain.
Now may the God that sees the hearts of men
Approve of what we do!

III.

They're at the front,
Our brave young men; and now the middle aged
Are shouldering their arms; and in the fields
The old men gather in the abundant rice,
Low stooping o'er the sheaves; all ages vie
In cheerful self-devotion to the Land.

—By Mutsuhito, Emperor of Japan.
Kyoto, Japan.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Annual Report Just Issued by the American Board.

Boston, Dec. 24.—The annual report of the American board of foreign missions shows disbursements during the past year of $748,308, an increase over the previous year of $7,905, and the excess of expenditures above receipts was $22,535. The increase was due largely to the new efforts to enlarge the constituency through the young people's department.

The report says of the work of the European Turkey mission:

"The last year has witnessed the continuance of the efforts of our government to secure the authoritative recognition of American institutions and of American citizens in the empire which Turkey had long since conceded to the institutions and citizens of France, Germany, Russia, Italy and England, strangely thus far without success. There is no abatement in the demand which our government is making. There is a definite purpose to secure what is our manifest right, and unreasonable delay on the part of Turkey will only heighten the pressure and call forth whatever measures may prove to be needful."

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Not Too Satisfactory.—Marine Superintendent Lacey, in speaking of the new steamer Minnesota, said: "As a ship, a freight and passenger craft, I do not believe there is her equal, and I am not alone in the opinion. At the same time I am free to say that the voyage has not been as nearly satisfactory as we could have wished. Of course, it was the vessel's maiden voyage, and few vessels are tried out on their initial trips by voyages of that length.'

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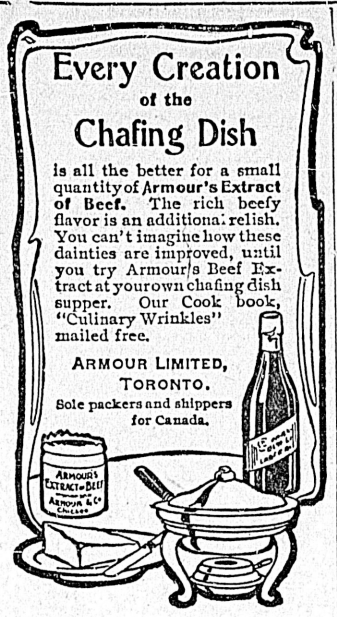

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Vessels Bound to British Columbia and Puget Sound From Ports of the World.

A. M. Baxter, Am sc, 459 tons, Isaackson, San Francisco, Bellingham.

Admiral, Am sc, 605 tons, Sjo, San Diego, Port Townsend.

David Evans, Am sc, 748 tons, White, San Francisco, Everett, Dec. 11.

Ethel Zane, Am sc, 407 tons, Errett, San Pedro, Port Townsend.

Fred. E. Sander, Am sc, 389 tons, Svendsen, Eten, Port Townsend.

Gleaner, Am bktn, Schmehl, San Francisco, Everett.

Mary E. Foster, Am sc, 839 tons, Weller, Honolulu, Port Blakeley.

Miowera, Br str, 1,888 tons, Hammond, Sydney, Victoria.

Makawell, Am bktn, 821 tons, Nielsen, Mazatlan, Port Townsend.

Nivelle, Br sh, 2,262 tons, McMillan, Liverpool, Victoria.

Spokane, Am sc, 570 tons, Jamieson, San Francisco, Port Gamble, Dec. 11.

Vessels bound to British Columbia and Puget Sound from ports of the world, with flag, rig, tonnage, name of master, where from, destination and date of reported sailing:

Anubis, Ger str, 3,089 tons, Reimers, Hamburg, Puget Sound, Sept. 11.

Andre Theodore, Fr bk, 1,875 tons, Louvet, Cardiff, Victoria.

Aorangi, Br str, 2,782 tons, Phillips, Sydney, Vancouver, Dec. 1.

Antonietta, Chil bk, 99[illegible] tons, Bolsset, Valparaiso, Port Townsend.

Antigone, Ger bk, 1,379 tons, Madsen, Guaymas, Port Townsend.

Blakeley, Am sc, 630 tons, Bauman, Pisco, Peru, Port Blakeley, Nov. 30.

County of Dumfries, Br sh, 1,615 tons, Inglis, Valparaiso, Royal Roads, Nov. 4.

Cedarbank, Br sh, 2649 tons, Batchelor, Glasgow, Victoria, Oct. 21.

Col. de Villebois Mareuil, Fr bk, 1,732 tons, Quimper, Antwerp, Seattle, Aug. 6.

Commerce, Am sc, 621 tons, Butenshaw, Manila, Port Townsend, Nov. 29.

Dimsdale, Br sh, 1,779 tons, Evans, Antwerp, Puget Sound, August 22.

Eurasia, Br sh, 1,742 tons, Hughes, London, Victoria, Sept. 17.

Gamble, Am sc, 626 tons, Knudsen, Algoa Bay, Port Gamble, Oct. 21.

Inveramsay, Br bk, 1,321 tons, Cromble, Antwerp, Victoria, Sept. 15.

Keemun, Br str, 5,727 tons, Davis, Liverpool, Seattle, Oct. 15.

Lyderhorn, Br sh, 2,687 tons, Ferguson, Hamburg, Seattle, Oct. 10.

Manuka, Br str, 2,783 tons, Phillips, Sydney, Victoria-Vancouver.

Minnesota, Am str, 13,323 tons, Trenebridge, Norfolk, Seattle, via San Francisco, Oct. 1.

Nordstjernen, Nor sh, 1,635 tons, Isaksen, Acapulco, Vancouver.

Prussia, Am bk, 1,131 tons, Falkman, Manila, Port Blakeley, Nov. 3.

Schwarzenbek, Ger bk, 1,827 tons, Hansen, Hamburg, Port Townsend, via Santa Rosalia, June 10.

Socoa, Fr bk, 1,826 tons, Baudry, Dunkirk, Port Blakeley, Aug. 9.

Sofala, Br sh, 2,160 tons, Auld, Cardiff, Esquimalt, June 28.

S. D. Carleton, Am sh, 1,671 tons, McCloud, San Francisco, Puget Sound.

William H. Smith, Am sh, 1,785 tons, Burke, San Francisco, Port Townsend.

Ivanhoe, Br bk, 1,250 tons, Zachary, Nitrate Ports, Port Townsend.

Diamond Head, Am bk, 952 tons, Peterson, Eten, Port Townsend, Oct. 29.

Haddon Hall, Br bk, 1,332 tons, Houghton, Guayaquil, Victoria (due).

lane, San Francisco, Pt. Townsend, Dec. 7.

Peleus, Br str, 4,806 tons, Barwise, Liverpool, Victoria, Nov. 14.

Turgot, Fr bk, 1,773 tons, Gezary, Antwerp, Seattle.

Albania, Nor sh, 1,106, tons, Melson Panama, Port Townsend, Nov. 20.

Inca, Am schr, 901 tons, Rasmussen, Shanghai, Port Townsend.

Penthesilea, Br sh, 1663 tons, Manson, Panama, Nov. 9.

Tamar, Br sh, 1949 tons, Griffiths, Rotterdam, Port Townsend.

Albyn, Br bk, 2,095 tons, Williams, San Diego, Port Townsend, Dec. 5.

J. M. Colman, An schr, 389 tons, Peterson, San Pedro, Port Gamble, Dec. 10.

John C. Meyer, Am bktn, 794 tons, Simonsen, San Pedro, Everett, Dec. 8.

Kanagawa Maru, Jap str, 3,823 tons, Wale, Yokohama, Seattle.

Mary E. Foster, 839 tons, Willer, Honolulu, Port Blakeley.

Manila, Am schr, 647 tons, Rose, San Francisco, Port Gamble.

Nelson, Br sh, 1,247 tons, Cerlez, Mollendo, Vancouver, Nov. 1.

Nesala, Ger sh, 1,670 tons, Muller, Antwerp, Port Townsend, Oct. 28.

Pegasus, Br bk, 2,438 tons, Scott, Hamburg, Seattle, Nov. 14.

Vessels Loading in the Waters of British Columbia and Puget Sound, their Loading Ports, Destination, Etc.

ARRIV'D	FLAG, RIG and NAME.	Ton.	MASTER.	LOADING PORT.	CARGO.	DESTINATION.
Apr. 7...	Br bk Lord Wolseley	2518		Victoria		Awaiting orders
July 31..	Br sh Dunstaffnage	3129	Forbes	Quartermaster		Disengaged
Aug. 17..	Am sh Invincible	1365	Ulberg	Port Blakeley		Disengaged
Sept. 26..	Br sh Dunfermline	2773	Woodward	Quartermaster		Disengaged
Oct. 4...	Am sh Occidental	1409	Sodergren	Eagle Harbor		Disengaged
Oct. 27..	Am bk F. S. Thompson	480		Eagle Harbor		Disengaged
June 30..	Am sc Maid of Orleans	172	Maloney	Seattle		Disengaged
July 21..	Am sh James Drummond	1415	Nason	Winslow		Disengaged
July 29..	Am sc Salem	698	Anderson	Winslow		Disengaged
Aug. 26..	Br sh Engelborn	2374	Lovett	Port Blakeley	Lumber	Melbourne
Sept. 1...	Am bk J. D. Peters	1030	Snow	Bellingham		Disengaged
Sept. 8..	Br sh Falklandbank	1781	Robbins	Vancouver	Lumber	United Kingdom
Sept. 8..	Am sc Alex. T. Brown	354	McKay	Winslow		Awaiting orders
Sept. 9..	Am sh America	1908	Harding	Bellingham		Disengaged
Sept. 9..	Am sh Great Admiral	1401	Sterling	Winslow		Disengaged
Sept. 10..	Am sc Soquel	698	Iversen	Hadlock		Disengaged
Sept. 10..	Am bk Harvester	716	Kilman	Bellingham		Disengaged
Sept. 12..	Am bk Coryphene	728	Shildrop	Anacortes		Disengaged
Sept. 21..	Am bktn S. G. Wilder	557	Jackson	Winslow		Disengaged
Sept. 22..	Am bktn Aurora	1070	Hellquist	Blaine	Lumber	San Francisco
Sept. 22..	Am bktn Portland	468	Clark	Quartermaster		Disengaged
Sept. 27..	Am bk Guy C. Goss	1430	Pedersen	Bellingham		Disengaged
Sept. 27..	Ger sh Bertha	2613	Heincke	Tacoma		Awaiting orders
Oct. 1..	Am bktn Jane L. Stanford	861	Molestad	Winslow		Disengaged
Oct. 2...	Am sh Arthur Sewall	2919	Gaffry	Port Blakeley	Lumber	Shanghai
Oct. 2...	Br sh Crown of Germany	2154	Davidson	Port Gamble	Lumber	Melbourne
Oct. 2...	Am bk James Nesmith	1632	Warner	Port Blakeley	Lumber	Australia
Oct. 4...	Am sh St. Paul	1824	Treat	Bellingham		Disengaged
Oct. 9...	Am sc Robert Lewers	966	Underwood	Port Gamble	Lumber	Honolulu
Oct 10...	Ger bk Barmbek	2108	Hansen	Bellingham	Lumber	United Kingdom
Oct. 12...	Am bktn Klickitat	437	Cutler	Port Gamble	Lumber	Honolulu
Oct. 14...	Br sh Alacoma	2570	Robbins	Port Townsend		Awaiting orders
Oct. 15...	Ital sh Italia	3630	Brignetl	Port Blakeley	Lumber	Melbourne
Oct. 17...	Am sc Willis A. Holden	1090	Laur	Mukilteo	Lumber	Shanghai
Oct. 23...	Br sh Balmoral	2449	Roop	Bellingham	Lumber	Australia
Oct. 26...	Ger bk Pallas	1354	Wagner	Vancouver	Lumber	Callao
Oct. 28...	Am bk Albert	624	Turner	Port Gamble	Lumber	Hilo
Nov. 5...	Br bk Strathdon	2028	Paterson	Bellingham	Lumber	Melbourne
Nov 9...	Br sh Moultan	1616	Emmett	Tacoma	Lumber	Fremantle
Nov. 10..	Br sh Poltoloch	2389	Young	Chemainus	Lumber	Melbourne
Nov. 14..	Br bk Port Caledonia	2246	Manning	Port Blakeley	Lumber	Melbourne
Nov. 14..	Br sh Wanderer	529	Johnson	Port Blakeley	Lumber	United Kingdom
Nov. 15..	Am bktn Robert Sudden	2717	Dunning	Winslow		Repairing
Nov. 15..	Am sc Erie	498	Jorgensen	Port Blakeley	Lumber	San Francisco
Nov. 17..	Fr bk La Tour D'Auvergn	1,732	Le Seven	Tacoma	General	Discharging
Nov. 18..	Am sc Susie M. Plummer	808	Lund	Everett	Lumber	San Pedro
Nov. 18..	Am sc Polaris	717	Murchison	Everett	Lumber	San Pedro
Nov. 18..	Br bk Guervenr	1865	Corbineais	Chemainus	Lumber	Shanghai
Nov. 19..	Br bk Arracan	2222	Kelk	Tacoma	Lumber	United Kingdom
Nov. 19..	Fr bk David D'Angers	1579	Le Carre	Tacoma	General	Valparaiso
Nov. 20..	Am sc Alpena	833	Birkholm	Mukilteo	Lumber	Discharging
Nov. 23..	Am schr Lindlow	643	Langkilde	Hadlock	Lumber	San Pedro
Nov. 27..	Br sh Broxendale	1962	Youlden	Port Gamble	Lumber	Melbourne
Nov. 28..	Am bktn Retriever	570	Sloan	Hadlock	Lumber	San Pedro
Nov. 28..	Ger bk Osterbek	1561	Petersen	Vancouver	Lumber	Callao
Nov. 29..	Br str Tottenham	2043	Peters	Vancouver	Sugar	Discharging
Nov. 29..	Am schr S. W. Clise	715	Haley	Everett	Lumber	San Pedro
Nov. 29..	Br bk Invermark	1324	Boiderstone	Tacoma	Cement	Discharging
Nov. 30..	Am schr Wm. Bowden	695	Peterson	Port Blakeley	Lumber	Mollendo
Nov. 30..	Am str Lyra	2516	Williams	Tacoma	General	Orient
Nov. 30..	Am schr J. H. Bruce	476	Swanson	Tacoma	Lumber	San Pedro
Dec. 1...	Am schr Minnie A. Caln	779	Olsen	Tacoma	Lumber	San Pedro
Dec. 1...	Br sh Muskoka	2259	McDonald	Seattle	Coal	Discharging
Dec. 2...	Br sh Dalcairnie	1700	Llewelyn	Ballard	Lumber	Australia
Dec. 2...	Am bktn Chas. F. Crocker	762	Owars	Everett	Lumber	San Pedro
Dec. 2...	Am schr Fearless	653	Lilgequist	Bellingham	Lumber	San Pedro
Dec. 3...	Am schr Lottie Bennett	496	Rasmussen	Vancouver	Lumber	Nitrate Ports
Dec. 3...	Am schr Wm. F. Garms	972	Larsen	Winslow		Repairing
Dec. 6...	Am bk Gen. Fairchild	1307	Melville	Port Blakeley	Lumber	Sydney
Dec. 6...	Am bk Louisiana	1243	Peterson	Port Blakeley	Lumber	Sydney
Dec. 6...	Br str Yang Tsze	4149	Allen	Tacoma	General	Discharging
Dec. 7...	Am schr Forester	621	Dnewerltz	Port Blakeley	Lumber	San Francisco
Dec. 7...	Br str Empress of India	3 046	Archibald	Vancouver	General	Orient
Dec. 9...	Am sh Abner Coburn	1879	Burgess	Port Blakeley	Lumber	Callao
Dec. 10...	Am sc Crescent	1334	Olsen	Port Blakeley	Lumber	Taku
Dec. 12..	Am sc Endeavor	485	McAllep	Port Gamble	Lumber	San Francisco
Dec. 12..	Am bk Coloma	741	Johnson	Everett	Lumber	San Pedro
Dec. 13..	Br bk Clan Graham	1975	McIntyre	Port Townsend		Awaiting orders
Dec. 13..	Am sc Wm. H. Smith	406	Hansen	Everett	Lumber	San Francisco
Dec. 13..	Am sc Taurus	514	Reed	Port Townsend		Awaiting orders
Dec. 13..	Ger sh Neck	2121	Kerjos	Port Townsend		Disengaged
Dec. 14..	Br sh Madagascar	1995	MacFarlane	Port Townsend		Awaiting orders
Dec. 14..	Am sc Meteor	518	Hopner	Hadlock	Lumber	San Pedro
Dec. 15..	Am bg Wm. G. Irwin	339	Hansen	Roche Harbor	Lime	San Francisco

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Special Christmas services were held in all the churches yesterday. At Christ Church cathedral there was a lengthy musical service and Mr. A. T. Goward contributed a tenor solo.

Rev. Percival Jenns, the rector, occupied the pulpit at St. John's in the morning. Miss M. Todd rendered a solo. In the evening the sermon was preached by Rev. A. J. Stanley Ard, and solos were given by Mrs. Jay and Miss Palmer.

Rev. C. E. Cooper, M. A., occupied the pulpit at the morning and evening services at St. Saviour's. In the evening the following carols were sung: "We Three Kings of Orient Are"; "The Manger Throne"; "The Christ Child"; Good Christian Men Rejoice"; "Once in Bethlehem of Judah"; "In Excelsis Gloria."

At St. Barnabas' church the evening service was a lengthy one, the following carols being sung:

"Let Us Go to Bethlehem's'. Varley Robert
"Angels From the Realms of Glory" .... Maunder
"There Dwelt in Old Judea" ......Field
"All This Night Bright Angels Sing" .... Simper
"Sing Noel" .... Simper
Postlude—Processional March ....S. Clark

The evening sermon was preached by Rev. S. R. Anderson, chaplain H. M. S. Bonaventure.

St. Luke's church, Cedar Hill, was used for the first time since the recent improvements in the interior, but as all the work of renovation is not yet completed, the formal re-opening will not be for a few weeks. The offerings yesterday were for the clergy, widows' and orphans' fund.

At St. James church a collection was taken for the same fund. Rev. J. H. S. Sweet, the rector, occupied the pulpit.

Right Rev. Bishop Cridge and Rev. H. J. Wood delivered the sermons at the Church of Our Lord yesterday. Miss Moresby rendered a solo during the morning service, "The First Christmas Morn." In the evening Edgar Fawcett rendered a violin solo, and Mrs. Helmcken sang "O Holy Night."

The special services at the Metropolitan Methodist church were very impressive, and the quartette and solos proved very enjoyable. The solo in the morning was "Star of Bethlehem," by Gideon Hicks. In the evening Mrs. G. J. Burnett sang "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear," and Mrs. Gideon Hicks rendered "The Outcast." The Metropolitan Male Quartette rendered "Glory to God in the Highest."

Rev. J. P. Westman preached at both services in the Centennial Methodist church. In the evening two solos were rendered, Miss Kayton giving "Star of Bethlehem," and Miss Deaville "Dream of Bethlehem."

Rev. Dr. Campbell occupied the pulpit at both services in the First Presbyterian church, his evening subject being "The Advent of Jesus Into the World." During the morning service Mrs. J. Legg gave a soprano solo, and Mrs. Briggs sang "The Blessed Birth." In the evening Miss M. Wilson gave a soprano solo, and Miss B. Howell rendered "O'er the Hills of Bethlehem." Mr. W. Macdonald gave a bass solo, and Mr. G. H. Redman rendered a tenor solo.

Rev. W. Leslie Clay officiated at both services in St. Andrew's Presbyterian church. In the morning Miss McCoy sang "Christmas Noel," and in the evening Miss Bishop gave a soprano solo. A tenor and bass duet was given by Messrs. J. L. Gibson and O. McCoy. Mr. J. Griffiths sang "Nazareth"; Mrs. Campbell rendered "Night of Nights"; Mrs. W. E. Staneland gave a soprano solo, and Mr. J. L. Gibson rendered a tenor solo.

At Emmanuel Baptist church, the pastor, Rev. E. LeRoy Dakin, preached both sermons, his morning subject being "The Christmas Gift." His evening subject was "The Place and Right of Conversion."

Rev. J. F. Vichert, M. A., preached both sermons at Calvary Baptist church. His morning subject was "Gifts Offered to Christ"; evening, "Gifts That Money Cannot Buy."

In the First Congregational church, Rev. Hermon A. Carson, B. A., occupied the pulpit at both services. His morning theme was, "The Unifier of Mankind"; evening, "Pessimism vs. Optimism." Mr. W. D. Kinnaird sang "The First Christmas Morn" during the morning service, and in the evening Miss A. Scowcroft rendered "Morning Glory."

A GOOD SHOW.

"Chinese Honeymoon" at Victoria Theatre Tonight and Tomorrow Night.

The peroxide blonde will soon be a thing of the past, if the furore and reign of the Chinese and Japanese plays continue, and if managers assume the icy hearts and cold-blooded stunts taken by the Shuberts. On the other hand, there is likely to be a lively struggle compared to which the recent labor difficulties in the mining regions will be a soothing lulaby, for all the "light" headed dames of the community, especially those theatrically inclined, will be up in arms, while the possessor of the raven locks gleams with a happiness that would lighten even through the mist and soot of Pittsburg. The cause of the difficulty is the Japanese play, "The Darling of the Gods," and the Chinese play, "A Chinese Honeymoon," which comes to the Victoria theatre this and tomorrow evenings. As Japanese blondes are only permissible on the musical comedy stage, and as Mr. Shubert, with his keen managerial tact, is loath to have anything that is not in keeping with the balance of the production, decided at a recent New York performance that there were too many blondes in the troupe, and he immediately proceeded to "chop heads", as it were.

There was great consternation and a general strike was in progress when lots of the rebellious applicants found that David Belasco demanded the same requirements for "The Darling of the Gods," and the "spinal vertebrae" of the strike was broken. Realizing the point of vantage gained, which was soon the by-word of the "Rialto," a notice "changing colors" was posted, and gradually the "bright lights" of the skippers of light fantastic have been eradicated and the "brunette queen" predominates. So the almond-eyed, kimona-garbed beauties of celestial antipodes will, despite her personal feeling, give way to the supreme judgment of the management which presents "The Honeymoon" with all the glitter, radiance and care possible, even with a dramatic and historical presentation.

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THE PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT AND THE LEGISLATURE.

News-Advertiser.

As will have been seen by a telegram from Victoria, published in yesterday's issue, the provincial government, at a cabinet meeting on Friday last, decided to call the legislature together on Thursday, February 9. It is understood that the government expects to have its measures ready for presentation to the House when it assembles, so that business may be despatched without delay and the members not be detained at the Capital by a long session. If the opposition should wisely decide not to cause delay by useless obstruction or by frivolous attempts at blocking the government's measures, the session should be comparatively brief and the legislation enacted be promptly put into effect. There are many proofs that British Columbia is again regarded as a promising field for immigration and investment and the people of the province will follow closely the proceedings in the legislature and condemn any attempt to subordinate great provincial interests to the possibility of party advantages by the adoption of obstructionist methods. Business, not politics, is what the people are most concerned about at this time, so that every possible advantage may be taken of the opportunities now presented for the opening up and development of the province.

The government also appointed a commission to enquire into the practical working of the Assessment Act passed at the last session and the incidence of the taxation levied by virtue of its provisions. The commission consists of the President of the Council, the Minister of Finance, and Messrs. J. Buntzen, of Vancouver, and D. R. Ker, of Victoria. It is expected that the commission will undertake its duties almost immediately, so that its report can be presented to the House without delay. The commission is not a court of revision, as some writers in the press seem to suppose. Its duties will be to enquire into the result of the operation of the act; to ascertain if it raises the required revenue in the best and most equitable manner possible, or whether some changes are desirable to attain these ends. The legislature with the facts before it that the commission may elicit by its investigation, will then be able to decide whether amendments to the act are desirable, and, if so, to make them on the basis of the facts submitted to it in the report of the commission. To have nominated a commission and set it to work at an earlier date would have been like attempting to make bricks without straw as the necessary data would not have been available. Even as it is, complete returns from all parts of the province to the end of the present year will be almost impossible to obtain.

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Mr. and Mrs. James Harvey and child are here to spend Christmas with Captain and Mrs. Gaudin.

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The Police Smoker.—The members of the city police force were remembered at the merry Christmas season, boxes of cigars having been presented to them by Mr. Charles Hayward, H. D. Helmcken, K. C., Messrs. White & Chadwick, Ah Wing and George Vallala.

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Hon. J. I. Tarte Says It Is Impossible, It Is a Dream, a Patriotic Dream.

Mgr. Archambault Explains the Words He Used at Laval.

Referring to his address to the Laval students on Thursday night Bishop Archambault says that, although he might have used the words "independent French Canada," it was a slip of the tongue, says the Montreal Gazette. The impression he intended to convey was that he was favorable to an independent Canada as a whole.

The bishop's remarks have brought forth a reply from Hon. Mr. Tarte, who deals with both suppositions. In the course of his article, Mr. Tarte declares:

"Mgr. Archambault expressed the wish and the hope that there would be one day a French Canada. Did Mgr. Archambault wish to say that the majority in this country would be one day French, and that they would found on this soil an independent nation? If his words have this signification—the Bishop of Joliette will permit us to employ his own words—they are a dream, a patriotic dream, but one that can never be realized. The census of 1901 gave the French population as 1,649,371 in all the provinces of the Dominion.

"The total population of Canada was then 5,371,315 and it is today probably 6,000,000. The minority, in which we were found in 1901 will increase from time to time, as we can only count in the future upon our own resources, and our natural forces, as we receive no reinforcements from abroad. The French-Canadians in the United States have, for the far greater number, permanently fixed their tents in that country. The immigration which is reaching us by the shipload is of English, German or Italian origin. It is not French, and never will be to any great extent.

"It would not, in fact, be at all surprising to see half a million newcomers reach us every year, during the next four or five years, for the United States has reached as many as a million. It is, therefore, quite evident that we will be proportionately weaker in the total population of Canada as the years roll round. It is useless, it is dangerous, in fact, to indulge in delusive hopes, and to turn away from the paths we should follow in order to conserve our influence and to prepare our future. If Mgr. Archambault did not intend to express the thought that we would become the majority, his words signify, we suppose, that we are to separate ourselves, when the hour is opportune, from the rest of the Dominion, and found an independent French state. Mgr. Archambault will permit us to again tell him that such a hope is but a dream.

"What would be the limits of this French state? The province of Quebec, of course, because it is the only province where we have a majority, or will have for a long time to come.

"Would the English element, which occupies such an important position in our province, consent to the establishment of a French state? And then, what would we have to gain moving towards the goal indicated by Mgr. Archambault, or even in attaining it? We would be a little republic or a little kingdom, which of the two? Under whose protection would this independent French state be established? Would we possess a greater degree of freedom than we do today? Would we possess more liberty than at the present time? No. The wish expressed by the young and brilliant Bishop of Joliette cannot be realized. It is not practicable, and I may add, with all due respect to his lordship, it is not wise.

"The French-Canadiass know that they are in the Canadian Confederation where they enjoy important privileges and have a legislature of their own. Their institutions, their language and their laws are protected by special and inviolable dispositions—if we remain faithful to ourselves and also to the constitution, which was in a great measure the work of the best minds of our race, and amongst whom was the father of his lordship of Joliette.

"Instead, therefore, of wasting our energies in dreams and chimerical hopes let us apply ourselves to the strengthening of our position beneath the folds of that flag which is for us the emblem and guarantee of equal rights with the other races surrounding us. We are the partners and coworkers of these nationalities; our interests are bound up with theirs, and their's with ours. The Confederation is an ensemble, a superb patrimony, in which English and French and citizens of all origins have identical interests. The province of Quebec is the French province of the Confederation.

"Mgr. Archambault and those who would be tempted to share his delusion, seem to forget there are French groups in the other provinces of the Dominion, who assist us and whom we assist, who fortify us and whom we fortify, and that solution like that proposed would separate us from these French and Catholic brothers.

"We, therefore, have the profound conviction that the future of the French-Canadian race reposes in their attachment to the present order of things, and on their intelligent fidelity, we might add their interested fidelity, to the British Empire.

"In listening the other evening to the applause which greeted the words of Mgr. Archambault, this thought came to my mind: How many amongst those who are clapping their hands have ever carefully meditated upon the problems of our future? How many years have they consecrated to their fruition?

"The institutions which we have given ourselves have made us 'free and independent,' so let us take advantage of all that they offer us. One of our compatriots in Manitoba, Mr. Delorme, publishes in La Patrie today an article entitled: 'He Who Has Instruction Has a Future.' Let us weigh well this teaching; let us practice those civic virtues which rendered our ancestors so powerful for the conservation of our nationality. Let us follow the advice of Mgr. Archambault, who invited the students of Laval to be men of energy and action for if we do we will leave to our sons a rich heritage of happiness, prosperity and security."

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The Empress of India to Sail Tonight for Yokohama and Ports.

Although the war now in progress between Japan and Russia has caused a shortage in business on the Pacific, the great steamship lines engaged in the race for trade on the Pacific are looking forward to a vastly increased business in the years that follow the readjustment of the difficulties of Russ and Jap. The big liner Minnesota, which arrived here a few days ago, is one of the new liners that will bid for the trade. With her sister steamer, the Dakota, she will run for the Great Northern Railway Co. As was stated in the Colonist, the Canadian Pacific railway is also building new steamers for this service. Two new liners, each 550 feet long and of a speed of 19 knots, are to be added to the Empress line, thus allowing a fortnightly service such as has been promised, to be given by the Canadian line.

With the re-establishment of the service of the Nippon Yusen Kaisha line, the Japanese steamship company whose service has been partially paralyzed as a result of the demands of the Japanese government on the company's steamers for transport service, will improve the line running between Victoria, Puget Sound and the Orient. The company has a new six thousand ton steamer, to be called the Tengu Maru, on the stocks at Nagasaki, where the yards of the Mitsu Bishi dockyard and engine works are located. Much of the material for this new steamer is being secured in the United States, as the demands of the war services on the steel works of Japan has prevented any material being delivered in the near future for the merchant steamers under construction. The steel plates are now being shipped, and it is expected that the workmen will be able to launch the new vessel in the spring. At the same yards two large steamers, each of 15,000 tons, are being built for the Toyo Kisen Kaisha, the Japanese line which runs between Chinese and Japanese ports and San Francisco. This company has recently given two of its steamers, the Nippon Maru and Honckong Maru, for service as auxiliary cruisers, the vessels having been armed with guns, mostly quickfirers. It is probable that the America Maru will also be converted into an auxiliary cruiser, if indeed, this has not been done.

EMPRESS SAILS.

White Liner Will Leave This Evening For Orient.

The steamer Empress of Japan, of the C. P. R. line, left Yokohama on Friday en route to this port. She is expected to arrive at this port about January 4th. The steamer Keemun, of the China Mutual line, is also en route, as well as the Nippon Yusen Kaisha liner Kanagawa Maru. The steamer Empress of India, now completing her cargo at Vancouver, will sail for Yokohama and the usual ports of call in the Far East tonight.

The White liner will take out about 25 saloon passengers, 10 intermediate and a large number of Orientals in the steerage, besides a full cargo of general merchandise.

The following passengers booked up till noon yesterday: K. Takahashi, T. Fukai, T. Nrahashi, Chas. Miller, Mrs. J. H. Jackson, S. Zelassy, T. Shinyo, Miss Ida Kerr, V. Hamada, Ed. Salinger, Mr. Ruckle and wife, Miss Whitaker, F. Drechsel, S. Matsuda, Miss Dr. M. Polk, Miss H. Richardson, A. Johnson, Willis E. Gray, R. Henning and wife, K. Kimura.

Intermediate—M. Tomkit, Wong Yarsitch, Mr. Montell, M. Kawachi and child, C. Shnichu, T. Omachi, J. H. Mellen and O. G. Perry.

The first two passengers, Mr. K. Takahashi, vice-governor of the Bank of Japan, and Mr. E. Fukai, another official of the bank, are the men who floated the war loan in London, which provides the funds to carry on the fight with Russia, and they are now returning after the accomplishment of their task. The distinguished visitors will leave on the Empress of India tonight.

The Bank of Japan is the official financial institution of the empire, and upon these officials devolved the responsibility of negotiating one of the largest loans of modern times. Interest attaches to this, because the task was a gigantic one, as there had to be taken into consideration the possibility of Japan being unsuccessful in the war with Russia. Mr. Takahashi negotiated the loan in a masterly manner, and as a result Japan was assisted to the extent of a loan of £10,000,000 in May, and £12,000,000 in November.

Neither of the gentlemen have any opinions to offer regarding the war, beyond the belief that the victory would ultimately be with Japan. Of this they had no doubt.

A SEA MESSAGE.

Mysterious Board Found by Indians Near Juneau.

Carl Shultz, a seaman of the steamer Alki, has brought from Juneau a weather-beaten, water-worn board with the following partly obliterated inscription upon it:

"Dec. 24, 19-0.—Aboard schooner Cog—— 11. All rigin —one. Leak forward, 6 ft. water ——d. Adrift 20 days. ——ions gone ————."

Shultz secured this from an Indian at Juneau, who stated that he had picked it up on the beach near that port. The inscription was evidently gouged into the board with some sharp instrument. The board itself is about 13 inches in length and 6 or 7 inches wide, and is evidently a piece of casing torn from the inside of the cabin. The inscription is so obliterated that its full meaning cannot be deciphered. The date is quite distinct, also the word schooner, but the name of the vessel is split in half so that only the first three and last two letters are intelligible.

After the name of the vessel comes the word "all," which can with difficulty be made out; then the letters "r-i-g-i-n" follow consecutively and are quite distinct, but the last letter, which was undoubtedly a "g," was completely obliterated, as well as the "g" of "gone." The words "Leak forward 6 ft." can barely be deciphered, and the letters preceding the "d" are completely obliterated, but enough of the sentence is there to indicate that without doubt the sentence was originally written "6 feet of water in the hold."

"Adrift 20 days" can be easily made out, but the letters following and before the "ions" are gone. The distance, however, between the intelligible parts show that the word following "20 days" was "provisions." The word "gone" is distinct, but the remainder of the message cannot be made out. Shultz has turned the board over to friends, who are trying to find a trace of the supposed wrecked vessel.

WEIGHTED LIFEBUOY

Was Not From Local Steamer—Sailmaker Interviewed.

Fred Jonne, the sailmaker in whose loft the lifebuoy was found containing a piece of iron, was interviewed with reference to the discovery which created some sensation along the waterfront on Saturday. He declined to give particulars regarding the find other than to state that the iron was found some months ago, and not on Saturday, as was stated, and that the lifebuoy in question was not taken from any steamer now in service in these waters. Beyond these facts he declined to make public any information concerning the discovery, which, of course, caused some indignation amongst shipping men and others, for, as can be readily understood, to load the cork of a lifebuoy with iron is an action which is not a whit less dastardly than murder. There would seem to be no question but that the iron found in the lifebuoy was placed there with intent, presumably to make the buoy the required weight. The manner in which it was imbedded in the compressed cork would seem to preclude the possibility of it having been placed there by accident.

The lifebuoy in which the iron was found is an American product. It was made in New York, but the name of the maker cannot be learned. It is a compressed cork life buoy, and was among some buoys that had been sent to the sailmaker to be overhauled, when the sensational discovery was made. The buoy was then thrown aside, as is done with all lifebelts and lifebuoys which do not come up to the requirements on their being overhauled.

The sailmaker was asked by the interviewer if he could not disclose the vessel from which the buoy was taken. He said he would not; he had suppressed news of the discovery at the time it was made. This he did say, though, it did not come from any steamer now in these waters. tI was due to local steamship companies that this fact be stated. The buoy did not come from a steamer, he believed. The sailmaker said that he overhauled all the C. P. R. Company's lifebuoys and some belonging to other local companies. Never had he found anything to criticize in them, and this he knew, the local companies were always anxious to have all their lifesaving apparatus in good condition. His orders from the C. P. R. were to reject all that were not in the best condition, and he always did so.

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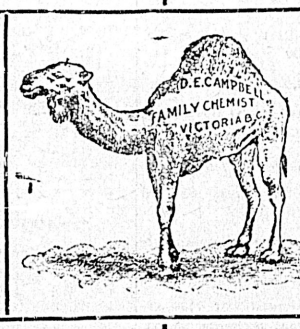

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